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On the money

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Toronto's Mike McCoy throws out Cleveland's Jhonny Peralta at first base for the final out in the ninth inning of yesterday's game in Cleveland. Adam Lind hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning to lift the Jays to a 5-4 win and series sweep over the Indians. More coverage, page 25.

It's pure gene-ius

U of T researchers decode secret message of our genes

In a groundbreaking study, University of Toronto researchers have unveiled an "Enigma machine" program that can decode the messages of our very genes.

Like the German encoding device captured by the Allies during the Second World War, the U of T program can unlock the meaning of a garbled language — in this case, the cryptic orders that direct our genetic machinery.

All living things depend on genes, which hold the information to build and maintain an organism's cells and pass genetic traits to offspring.

"We are the first people to actually make predictions about which genetic message will be produced in different tissues," said Brendan Frey, one of the paper's senior authors.

Opening doors

- The work helps explain the critical genetic process known as "alternative splicing" that accounts for the phenomenal complexity of human biology. It also opens the door to a host of potential medical advancements, including deeper understandings of genetic diseases and the creation of replacement organs and tissues.

"Prior to this, there was no way to predict that actually," said Frey.

The paper was featured yesterday on the cover of Nature, the world's most prestigious science journal.

It introduces a readily accessible chart that can decode the messages that a gene will send out in any given type of cell.

"From now on, it will be possible to predict the true meaning of a gene in a particular type of cell," said Spanish geneticist Jaun Valcarel, one of several leading scientists already stepping up to praise the Toronto work.

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Youth would not follow in war vets' footsteps: Poll

SECOND WORLD WAR The results of a new poll timed to the 65th anniversary of VE Day has the Historica-Dominion Institute suggesting there is increasing reverence for Canada's Second World War Veterans, but a troubling ambivalence about following their example.

A clear majority of younger Canadians say they would not have volunteered in 1939 to help liberate Europe and defeat Nazism, according to the poll.

The survey, provided exclusively to The Canadian Press, shows a significant divide between older Canadians and those aged 18 to 35 when it comes to assessing Victory in Europe Day, 65 years after the end of the most significant human conflagration of the past century.

Sixty per cent of those between 18 and 35 years old indicated they would not have joined the fight in 1939.

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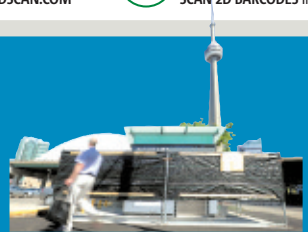

Coin-operated toilet built

Toronto's first coin-operated public toilet has been installed at Harbourfront and is set to open at the end of May. The stand-alone single unit, at Queen's Quay and Rees Street, is the first of 19 coin-operated washrooms to be installed around the city over the next two decades. The cost to use the toilet is 25 cents. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

CHARGES A Toronto man faces impaired and stunt driving charges after a tractor-trailer hit a utility pole and ended up on the lawns of nearby homes. Police allege the rig was doing more than 50 kilometres over the speed limit near St. Clair Avenue East and O'Connor Drive early yesterday when the driver lost control. Charges against Abdifarhan Hassan, 33, include impaired driving, refusing a breath sample, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and stunt driving. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ford lambasted for AIDS remarks

Smitherman goes for rival's jugular in first mayoral campaign debate

Leading mayoral candidate George Smitherman went for Rob Ford's political throat yesterday, saying his rival's "disgusting" comments about homosexuals in 2006 make him unfit to lead Toronto.

In the first major debate, all six main hopefuls on stage, Smitherman seized his opportunity to pose one question to another candidate, taking Ford to task for his argument against a $1.5-million AIDS prevention strategy.

"It is very preventable," Ford told council in 2006. "If you are not doing needles and you are not gay, you wouldn't get AIDS probably, that's the bottom line."

He also said he didn't understand why more women were becoming AIDS patients, adding: "Maybe they're sleeping with bisexual men."

In that year, more than 27 per cent of Torontonians diagnosed with HIV were women.

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Rob Ford, left, waits to defends himself in a media scrum after the mayoral debate to answer charges by fellow candidate George Smitherman, far right, who attacked Ford for comments he had made about AIDS in 2006.

Nearly half of HIV-positive women in the city are from countries where it is endemic, and heterosexual sex is a primary means of transmission.

Smitherman, who is gay, turned to Ford and said: "I'd like you to explain to people how your character, and especially these comments, is justifiable now that you present yourself as someone who wishes to be mayor of Toronto, one of the most diverse places to be found anywhere in the world?"

Some audience members booed the attack. Ford did not apologize for, or try to explain, the remarks or any others he has made in a decade as an outspoken Etobicoke councillor.

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Breast cancer, hormone link found

HEALTH A team of Toronto researchers has pinpointed the molecular mechanism that may explain why women who undergo menopause late in life face a higher risk of breast cancer.

Scientists from the Ontario Cancer Institute have found the ovarian hormone progesterone drives the production of stem cells in breast tissue, which creates an environment ripe for cancer to take root.

The finding provides an important clue to why a woman's reproductive history is a risk factor for developing breast cancer in later life and opens new doors to understanding how breast cancer begins.

Previous research has established exposure to estrogen and progesterone correlates with a risk of developing breast cancer.

Epidemiological studies have shown women who have more than the average number of menstrual cycles — women who menstruate early and those who undergo menopause later in life — are at an increased risk of developing the disease.

"Our work establishes a direct connection between these hormones and the stem cells in the breast," said the study's principal investigator, Rama Khokha, a molecular biologist at the Ontario Cancer Institute. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Increased stem cell activity

- Scientists had believed breast stem cells are only active during puberty and pregnancy. But the team found the cells become active and reproduce during the second half of the menstrual cycle, when progesterone levels peak.
- The increased activity of stem cells produces an environment that can allow cancer to take root.

Premier admits CAS funding not working as agencies go to court

CHILDREN Premier Dalton McGuinty promised to work with struggling Children's Aid Societies to deal with what he acknowledged were real funding issues yesterday, after 11 agencies took the desperate step of going to court to ensure vulnerable children aren't being put at risk.

McGuinty

The premier acknowledged there was a "real issue" when it comes to funding the agencies, and questioned why the challenges persist despite increased government funding and a drop in the number of children in care. The Ministry of Children and Youth Services is looking into the problem, he added.

Jeanette Lewis of the Association of Children's Aid Societies said the agencies didn't make the decision to ask for the judicial review lightly, but noted the step was needed to ensure proper care.

It's true that fewer kids fall under the care of the CAS, she said, but that's only because they are increasingly being placed with relatives. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Man wanted in New York on sex assault charges arrested

Authorities in the Toronto area have arrested a man wanted in New York City on sexual assault charges involving a 13-year-old girl. Police say Llesh Biba, 30, fled to Canada while awaiting trial. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Compensation news for victims of pathologist coming: McGuinty

SMITH Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty says victims of disgraced pathologist Dr. Charles Smith can expect to hear soon about compensation.

Several people who were wrongly accused of killing children say they've waited 19 months to hear whether the province will provide them with compensation and have urged the government to stop dragging its heels.

McGuinty thanked the victims for their patience and said Attorney General Chris Bentley will move as quickly as he can.

Bentley wouldn't pinpoint a date for an announcement.

The promise of a compensation update was attacked yesterday by the opposition as yet another delay for those already victimized by the courts.

Conservative critic Lisa MacLeod said, "It's very traumatic what they experienced and it's time that there was a response from the government."

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News in brief

TTC The TTC is considering abandoning its longtime head office over the Davisville subway for a brand new "green" building being planned at Yonge Street and York Mills by Build Toronto, for occupancy by 2014. The move, which officials say would happen only if doing so proved cost-effective, would consolidate under one roof about 1,000 TTC employees working around the city.

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City Hall **Hiroshima Day Coalition**

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Members of the Hiroshima Day Coalition, including Setsuko Thurlow, left, member of the Order of Canada and a survivor of the atomic bomb, head for shelter yesterday as rain starts to fall after a meeting with Mayor David Miller at the Peace Garden. The 50 A-bomb survivors and peace activists were meeting in the council chamber before travelling to the UN.

MS patients rally in support of unproven treatment

HEALTH People with multiple sclerosis and their supporters rallied in cities across Canada yesterday, including Toronto, pressing for more funding and research for an unproven treatment for the disease.

They want researchers to speed up work on the theory that narrowed neck veins cause blood-borne iron deposits to build up and damage brain cells, and that unblocking the veins will help people with MS.

The notion that chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency — or CCSVI — causes or contributes to MS has been put forward by an Italian doctor, Paolo Zamboni.

But many neurologists and others in the medical community are cautious and say that much more study is needed to see if it even plays a role in the disease.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada has called on the federal government to provide $10 million that would be earmarked for CCSVI research.

About 50 people attended the rally in Toronto outside the Ontario legislature.

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Symptoms

- An estimated 55,000 to 75,000 Canadians have MS, which causes symptoms that can include trouble with balance and walking, partial blindness and extreme fatigue.

High school sports major to be offered

Grits accused of watering down curriculum to boost grad rates

Sports is one of the two new subjects Ontario high school students in a specialized program can major in this fall.

The province says the sports major is designed to better prepare students for careers such as coaching, training, sport management and sport broadcasting.

"There are tremendous opportunities for students in the sports field, whether that's in sports broadcasting, whether it's understanding how to be more healthy and how to work in gyms and community health clubs," said Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky.

"This is going to be an area where our youth in school are going to be able to experience first-hand what might be available for them in the workforce when they graduate."

Leona Dombrowsky

The opposition said it was concerned the Liberal government was introducing a sports major to make the curriculum easier and increase the graduation rate.

"This government has taken the core curriculum and done everything it can to water it down in ways that will encourage higher graduation rates, which they then use to politicize their efforts in education," said Progressive Conservative critic John Yakabuski.

85% The Liberals have promised to raise the high school graduation rate to 85 per cent by next year.

Last year, only 70 per cent of Ontario students completed high school in four years, but the government claimed a graduation rate of 79 per cent by including students who took five years to graduate.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said there's no doubt the Liberal government fudges graduation rates to make itself look good, but she supports any ideas that will keep boys interested in going to school.

The other new high school major — the non-profit sector — will see students gain the experience they need to work at community agencies in the province.

The majors are part of the Specialist High Skills Major program, which is being expanded to include about 530 secondary schools this fall.

The two new subjects boost the number of majors available in Ontario to 18, joining such areas as construction, energy, agriculture, aviation and aerospace. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Switch to digital textbooks likely, but not yet: Premier

TECH It will be some years before Ontario follows California's lead and starts phasing out school textbooks to replace them with digital media, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

Toronto trustee Michael Coteau wants the school board to start phasing out hard-copy textbooks in middle and secondary schools within five years to save publishing costs.

McGuinty said that will likely happen eventually, but he's worried not enough families are equipped to make the switch to digital media.

School boards can explore the idea to see if savings from not printing textbooks could be used to pay for netbooks or electronic book readers for students, added McGuinty.

"It's up to the board to take a look at those kinds of things," he said.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger introduced a program last year to have the state stop buying textbooks and instead give students free digital copies. The plan calls for the state to develop digital open-source textbooks for high school math and science and make them available for free at public schools. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Promotion nets plenty of electronic waste

The Green Living Show's inaugural electronic waste-for-free-admission initiative collected 318,000 pounds of e-waste from visitors to the Green Living Show, April 23-25 at the Direct Energy Centre, Exhibition Place. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hotel 'green' offer anything but: Workers

GREEN Toronto hotels are duping guests into believing they are being eco-friendly by promoting what amounts to fake green programs — and it's costing housekeeping attendants their jobs, upset workers charged yesterday.

"It's fake green." Brigida Ruiz, hotel employee

Room attendants from the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, the Delta Chelsea and Delta East hotels are decrying the programs, in which guests are offered a $5 to $10 voucher for food or beverages if they decline housekeeping.

The Make a Green Choice program at the Sheraton and the Green Stay model at Delta are initiatives aimed at conserving energy, but workers say it's having the opposite effect.

"It's fake green because the guests put their TV on. They leave the lights on. We're not saving the electricity," said Brigida Ruiz, a room attendant at the Sheraton for 18 years. "When we go in after three days of not being cleaned we have to use a lot of cleaning liquid and water, so that is not green at all."

While Ruiz has seniority, she said other staff have watched their shifts vanish as more than 80 guests have participated by hanging the green notices outside their door each night.

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Galen Weston, executive chairman of Loblaw Companies Ltd., told attendees at the company's annual general meeting yesterday that a system designed to remove unpopular products from store shelves did not work as effectively as hoped.

Back on the shelves

Restocking in order after Loblaw system problem

Canada's largest grocery retailer is restocking about half the products it may have overzealously removed from shelves in a "broad brush" sweep to remove products sitting on "valuable real estate" that weren't selling.

The system used to remove about 10 per cent of products from stores as part of its renewal plan was not sophisticated enough to properly identify unpopular products, Galen G. Weston, executive chairman at Loblaw Companies Ltd. said at the company's annual general meeting yesterday.

"We knew we'd get probably about half of it wrong, not necessarily across the country, but on an individual store (basis)," he explained to an employee who was confused after seeing some President's Choice and No-name products return to the shelves.

"Then we'd have to go through the process based on the customer calling us or letting you know what they want and we'd bring back those five per cent of (products) that really matter to that store," he added.

Weston said he is aware the process is disruptive, but added the company is working to implement a new information technology system that will provide merchants with better understanding about products — from ethnic foods to private labels — that matter to customers at individual stores.

"We'll be able to make sure the assortments service your customers much better than we have done in the past."

Loblaw has had years of difficulties in updating its supply chain and merchandise management as it moved to compete with Wal-Mart by offering a broader range of non-grocery items including furniture, clothing and consumer electronics.

The grocery chain operates across Canada under numerous banners including Loblaws, Real Canadian Superstore and No Frills.

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UN official warns of 'dangerous' precedent

GITMO The war-crimes prosecution of Toronto-born Omar Khadr in Guantanamo Bay could set a dangerous precedent and lead to widespread prosecutions of children, a UN envoy said yesterday.

Radhika Coomaraswamy called on Canada and the United States to treat Khadr as a child soldier as demanded under international protocols, and for his release into Canadian custody.

Omar Khadr

Coomaraswamy's comments came as several witnesses at Khadr's hearing noted how young the badly injured teen seemed when captured almost eight years ago.

In an interview from New York, the UN secretary general's special representative for children and armed conflict said international criminal courts have declined to prosecute minors.

"The international courts, as they stand at the moment, are not prosecuting children under the age of 18," Coomaraswamy told The Canadian Press.

"Trying young people for war crimes with regard to acts committed when they are minors could create a dangerous international precedent."

The concern, she said, is the U.S. prosecution will open the door for children around the world to be tried for war crimes, despite near universal consensus they cannot be held responsible in the way adults should be.

Khadr is facing prosecution before a widely condemned military commission for alleged crimes he committed as a 15-year-old. The U.S. accuses him of throwing a hand grenade that killed a special forces soldier in July 2002 after American forces attacked a compound in Afghanistan.

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News in brief

TECHNOLOGY A new study says Canadian governments can expect an economic return on seed money spent on green technology, just not as much as would be expected from more traditional investments. The study by the Conference Board suggests investments under government programs will total $11.8 billion in the next four years. The think-tank says Ontario will gain the most economically from its investments because it has the manufacturing base to develop new technologies in-province.

TRIAL The trial of Prapaharan Thambithuraim, a Toronto-area man accused of raising money for the Tamil Tigers, was postponed yesterday, and he is expected to return to a Vancouver courtroom next week to plead guilty and be sentenced. He is charged under Canada's Anti-Terrorism Act.

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Canada

Driver four times over limit

There's drunk and then there's beyond drunk. Police in Hamilton say it's lucky no one was seriously hurt wheen a man crashed his car into a stop sign. He was injured, taken to hospital — and blew more than four times over the legal limit three hours after the crash. A 48-year-old Hamilton man was charged with impaired driving and being over the legal limit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's cool battle plan

Canada intends to play it cool in Afghanistan.

A top commander said Canada will strive to avoid large-scale fighting with the Taliban this summer — even as thousands of NATO troops take part in a highly publicized offensive. Lt.-Gen. Marc Lessard said there won't be a repeat of the fierce September 2006 clash that marked Canada's largest battle since the Korean War.

Operation Medusa was hailed as a success in ridding the Panjwaii district of a large Taliban presence. Fifteen Canadians were killed.

"Some Canadians still think we will do Op Medusa," said Lessard, the head of Canadian Expeditionary Force Command.

"Will there be tactical encounters? Of course there will be. But it is not a major operation. In fact, it's the opposite that we want to do."

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Ottawa **Poland says thanks**

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Poland's Senate Speaker, Bogdan Borusewicz, middle, presents Noël A. Kinsella, Speaker of the Senate of Canada, left, and Peter Milliken, Speaker of the House of Commons, with a reproduction of the Gutenberg Bible yesterday in the Library of Parliament in Ottawa. The gift is a token of thanks to Canada for helping to safeguard a number of Poland's national cultural treasures, including a Gutenberg Bible, during the Second World War.

An elusive 'croc' proves it's not an old crock

LOCH NESS? An elusive crocodile or alligator is winning a game of Hamilton hide-and-seek.

A photo was taken of it swimming but searchers have failed to find it in the city's waterways.

And now Bry Loyst, curator of the Indian River Reptile Zoo near Peterborough, has been called in to take part in the search.

He says the pond where it was spotted connects to rivers and sewers so the croc or gator really could be anywhere.

Loyst thinks it was someone's pet and it was released because it grew too big. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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First Nations reject plan for crude oil pipeline
Leaders from two B.C. First Nations groups told Enbridge Inc. yesterday they don't want a crude oil pipeline built on their land. The group travelled to Calgary to bring their concerns about the Northern Gateway directly to Enbridge executives and shareholders at the firm's annual meeting. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary **Oil giant faces revolt in Peruvian Amazon**

JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

An indigenous leader from the Peruvian Amazon waits yesterday to enter the Talisman Energy annual meeting in Calgary. Native leaders plan to launch a campaign against the oil and gas giant asking it to withdraw from the Achuar's ancestral homeland.

BMO didn't bank on this

RCMP probes '$70M scam'

The RCMP has been called in to investigate allegations by the Bank of Montreal that it has lost $70 million in a massive mortgage scam involving more than 100 people.

The scammers, the bank says, include lawyers, brokers — and even its own employees.

"We're looking into it right now on a very preliminary basis to … see whether there's some type of criminal act here," RCMP Sgt. Patrick Webb said yesterday.

"Once that preliminary look-see is completed, we can determine whether we can take it to our commercial crimes unit."

The bank, in a lawsuit filed in Calgary, says it has been scammed in several schemes that were first flagged four years ago.

It alleges the defendants found undervalued houses and then paid someone a few thousand dollars to put their name on a mortgage application.

Documents were forged to inflate the property's value and to fool the bank into believing the buyer had the ability to pay.

> **"We operate the bank prudently with a high degree of diligence."**
> Ralph Marranca

Once the mortgage was approved, the fraudsters pocketed the profit and the cash was sent overseas.

BMO spokesperson Ralph Marranca said: "We operate the bank prudently with a high degree of diligence.

"When we do discover something like this, we take appropriate action."

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Homes for disabled warned

ABUSE Residential facilities for the disabled could lose their licences if they fail to act quickly when confronted with allegations of abuse or neglect, the Nova Scotia government says.

> **"We can (now) move more quickly."**
> Denise Peterson-Rafuse

Community Services Minister Denise Peterson-Rafuse said she had to introduce legislative changes after seeing evidence of systemic abuse.

The reports shocked her. "We can (now) move more quickly," she said.

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News in brief

FIRST NATIONS The first group of students has graduated from the licensed practical nurse program on a Saskatchewan First Nation. Fourteen students graduated from the program, and 13 already have jobs.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teen charged for child pornography
A 14-year-old boy from Belleville, Ont., has been charged with child pornography offences. He has a court date June 1. The boy cannot be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

EU chief presses Harper on taxes, climate change

The president of the European Commission engaged in some public arm-twisting of the Harper government yesterday in advance of this summer's G8 and G20 summits in Canada.

Jose Manuel Barroso, the former Portuguese prime minister who now figures in the European Union's new political council, says climate-change talks and a global financial-services tax need to be on the table when world leaders meet in central Ontario in June.

In an hour-long meeting with Canadian media before he sat down privately with Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Barroso took careful aim at two of the Conservative government's steadfast foreign-policy positions.

"I think the G8 and G20 can provide important political stimulus to global climate-change negotiations," said Barroso, highlighting an issue that has barely registered on the radar for the back-to-back summits to be hosted by Canada.

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS
Prime Minister Stephen Harper waves yesterday as he steps off his plane in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Last December's Copenhagen conference on climate change turned out "below our expectations," said Barroso, but he thinks a basis for progress has been made.

"What we want is everybody to move, so I'm not going to finger-point Canada," said Barroso, before indirectly critiquing the Harper government's long-standing position.

"What we don't like to see, frankly speaking, is that someone does not move because the others, they don't move. If everybody says it, no one will move at the end: We are only trying to find the lowest common denominator, so we forget about our global responsibilities."

The Conservatives have been steadfast in saying no global agreement can be achieved without all the major emitters onside, and that Canada can only bring in emissions targets in lock-step with the United States.

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Thinking of a grow-op? That'll land you six months

POLICY The Conservative government is reintroducing a crime bill that would impose a mandatory minimum sentence for people convicted of growing as few as six marijuana plants.

The new bill was reintroduced in the Senate as part of the government's continued re-tabling of tough-on-crime bills that died when the last Parliament was prorogued.

The legislation specifies a six-month sentence for anyone convicted of growing six to 200 cannabis plants.

More than 200 would draw one year in jail.

The bill also imposes mandatory jail time for trafficking offences involving weapons or that occur near a school or that pose a health or safety hazard to children or a residential community.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson Nicholson says the bill is aimed at gangs and organized crime groups.

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Group: Use G20 to end overfishing

G20 A marine conservation group wants Canada to use next month's G20 summit to promote an end to fishing subsidies.

Mission Blue has asked Prime Minister Stephen Harper to ask world leaders attending the Toronto summit to pledge not to expand fishing subsidy programs it says are helping ravage fish stocks.

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News in brief

EWWW Police and firefighters were called out to a greasy, squirmy mess at an accident scene early yesterday near Woodstock, Ont. A cube truck hauling worms and a transport carrying fertilizer crashed at about 8 a.m., at Duffy Line and Salford Road. Two people from Hamilton in the cube truck were taken to hospital for observation and the truck driver from Mount Elgin was uninjured.

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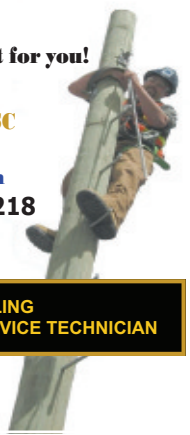

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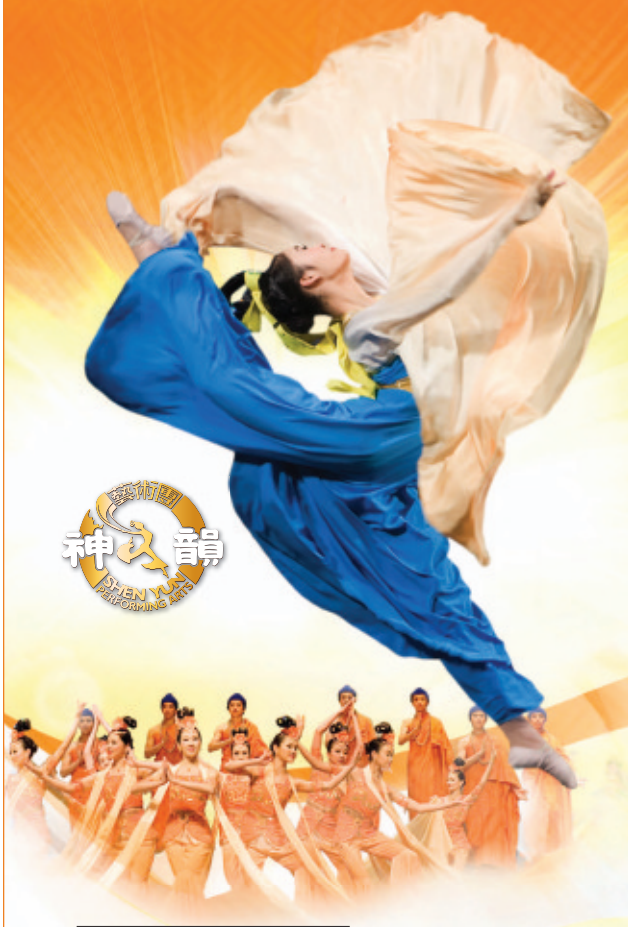

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Veteran journalist dies
Jim Nelson, a career journalist who pioneered the job of press secretary to the prime minister 60 years ago, has died at age 88. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MPs vote to stiffen lobbying rules

Rahim Jaffer is still making his mark on government legislation nearly two years after he lost his seat in the House of Commons.

MPs from all parties voted yesterday to stiffen lobbying rules in the wake of allegations that Jaffer and his business partner, Patrick Glemaud, lobbied officials without registering as lobbyists.

The Liberal motion, passed by unanimous agreement of the parties, requires lobbyists to publicly declare when they meet with parliamentary secretaries. That's a direct response to the revelation Jaffer met with the parliamentary secretary to Infrastructure Minister John Baird, Brian Jean.

Jaffer and his wife, Helena Guergis, former minister of state for the status of women, are being asked to testify together June 9 at a Commons committee studying allegations of improper lobbying and conflict of interest. Jaffer and Glemaud appeared two weeks ago, but MPs say they want to press their former colleague on certain discrepancies.

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Minister of Transport John Baird speaks during question period yesterday at the House of Commons in Ottawa.

News in brief

B.C. A grey whale has decided to pay a visit to downtown Vancouver, much to the delight of onlookers. The curious cetacean wowed crowds under the city's Granville Street bridge, where it showed up right around lunch time yesterday. Dan Bate of the Canadian Coast Guard said crews went down to keep boaters back, and ensure the safety of the whale and onlookers.

VOTE An opposition bill to tackle climate change is going to the Senate. Members of Parliament voted 149-136 to pass an NDP private member's bill that sets strict targets for greenhouse-gas emissions. The legislation calls for greenhouse gases to be cut 25 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Grits say Harper cut funding to additional women's groups

OTTAWA Liberals say they've now discovered two dozen women's groups have had their funding has been cut off.

The new number — almost double the previous total — is fuelling opposition accusations that the Harper government is punishing groups that dare to criticize its policies.

Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff says the government has a habit of bullying, smearing or bankrupting its critics.

And he says that demonstrates the government has no respect for democracy.

Transport Minister John Baird counters that it's Ignatieff who's afraid of democracy in refusing to let Liberal MPs vote freely on a bill to scrap the long-gun registry.

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24 Liberals say the number of women's groups who have lost their funding now total 24, more than double what had been previously reported.

N.L. premier wants independent assessment of oil spill safety

MARITIMES Premier Danny Williams says he wants independent input on whether Newfoundland and Labrador is prepared for a major oil spill like the one polluting the Gulf of Mexico.

Danny Williams

"It wouldn't hurt to have someone independent — whether on a contractual basis or whatever — right now, to look and see exactly where we stand vis-a-vis best practices," he said yesterday.

Williams made the comments in the house of assembly in response to questions from NDP leader Lorraine Michael.

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N.S. Grits may head to court over use of confidential membership list

Nova Scotia's Opposition Liberal party has hired a lawyer and could be headed to court to find out who obtained the party's confidential membership list. The list was used to distribute anonymous emails critical of Stephen McNeil, the party's leader. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PETA targets tourists to Canada

Explore Elsewhere: That's the message in an anti-sealing video urging international tourists to just skip Canada.

It's the latest salvo against the annual East Coast commercial seal hunt from the U.S.-based animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The one-minute video set to O Canada features increasingly gory images of seals being clubbed to death.

PETA hopes to post the video on tourism sites targeting northern U.S. states and Europe, where opposition to the seal hunt has led to a European Union ban on seal products that will take full effect in August.

Canada is challenging the ban before the World Trade Organization.

The PETA video will also be available on YouTube.

PETA's prime targets are wherever Canada most heavily markets itself as a tourist destination, said spokesman Dan Mathews.

No one from the Canadian Tourism Commission could be reached for comment. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A frame grab from a PETA anti-sealing video released yesterday shows a white-coat baby seal, as the group takes aim at the seal hunt, urging travellers to avoid Canada. Canada outlawed the white-coat baby seal hunt in 1978.

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Cop's role in construction 'inappropiate': Quebec

QUESTIONS The Quebec government has expressed concern over a senior Montreal police official whose sideline gig is developing a multimillion-dollar housing construction project.

One of the force's deputy police chiefs, Mario Gisondi, also happens to be president of a construction company that builds luxury homes in the Montreal area.

The provincial government says it's bothered by the dual roles, given that police are currently investigating allegations of massive corruption in the province's construction industry.

The construction investigation is being led mainly by the provincial police force — not the municipal force Gisondi serves. And police officers have every right to own the same businesses as other citizens.

Still, the province's public security minister, Jacques Dupuis, called the dual roles "inappropriate."

"There's nothing illegal, but considering the current circumstances … we should ask questions about that."

Neither Gisondi, the police force, or the city's elected officials would comment on the issue yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

BOGUS SMOKES Six men have been arrested in what police are calling the largest-ever seizure of counterfeit cigarettes in B.C. The Canada Border Services Agency says it found 50,000 cartons of the bogus smokes in a shipping container that arrived in Vancouver from China April 15. The container was said to contain sinks, but upon examination border agents found counterfeit Canadian and U.S. brands, along with some Chinese brands not normally available in Canada. RCMP Sgt. Duncan Pound said the cigarettes are worth about $3.4 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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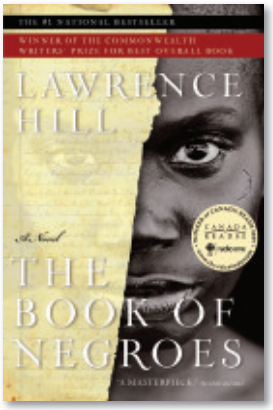

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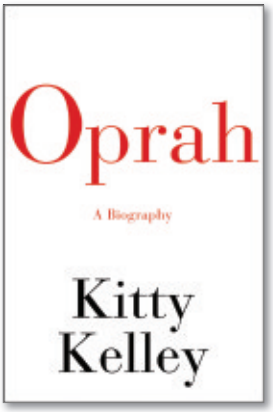

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Mother (sometimes) knows best

Dear mom,

Bet you weren't expecting to read an open letter to you in my column this week.

I know you're a pretty private person and I certainly don't want to embarrass you by telling all of these nice people too much about how wonderful you are. That said, I want to take this opportunity to admit a few things that I'd never be able to say in person.

Because I'm stubborn.

Listen, you've been right about a lot of things over the years. You've been right and I've been wrong. Enjoy this, because I will never again concede to any of these points, either publicly or privately.

(Unfortunately, due to Mother's Day's proximity to tax time, you'll have to consider this your official present. Sorry.)

Ready? Here we go:

You were right to deny us a puppy. It would have grown into a dog. And the novelty would have worn off.

You were right about piano lessons. Even though I whined and complained about practising every day, I am glad that you forced us to learn how to play. Piano lessons taught me rhythm, emotion and patience — all things that I draw upon daily as a writer. Piano also instilled a lifelong appreciation for music. Thank you!

You were right about coasters.

You were right about mittens.

You were right about boys who aren't nice to their moms.

You were right about choosing my friends wisely. I am a better person for having chosen kind, smart, funny, thoughtful and generous friends. Thank you for encouraging the good friendships and judiciously raising an eyebrow at undesirables.

You were right about washing lacy bras by hand.

You were right to be overprotective. There's a lot of frightening stuff out there and there was no need for me to be exposed to any of it before I was ready.

You were right that choosing a partner will be the most important decision I'll ever have to make. So ... let me take my time.

You were right about spinach salad. (The jury is still out on broccoli salad.)

You were right about polka dots.

You are not right at all about pairing pantyhose with open-toed shoes, but nobody's perfect.

Happy Mother's Day!

Ti milvam, Tvoeto srce

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Conversation about sex needs to happen

By now, you've probably heard about the Ontario government's attempt to introduce a new sex ed curriculum.

The revised curriculum would have seen Grade 1 students learning the proper names of body parts. It would have taught Grade 3 students to respect "invisible differences" between people, like sexual identity and orientation; taught Grade 4 students about puberty; and mentioned oral and anal sex to Grade 7 students.

Some critics argue that the "graphic" curriculum would encourage kids to have sex earlier. But in a world where sex is used to sell everything from clothing to cars, kids are already getting that message. Shouldn't we provide some no-nonsense context to go along with the hypersexualized media they see every day? Besides, studies show that kids who are well-informed about sex tend to postpone having it.

Another sticking point is the Grade 3 mention of sexual identity. But what's got opponents' undies in a twist is really just a quick, PG lesson about respecting differences in others.

The province's sex ed curriculum hadn't been reviewed since 1998 and, while it's cliché to say it, times have changed. Kids are hitting puberty at a younger age and they're encountering sexually charged materials earlier, too.

When I hear opponents say Grade 1 is too young to be teaching kids the proper names for their genitals, I can't help but be amazed.

Imagine if you went the first six years of your life without being given the proper word for your hands or feet, stuck with goofy euphemisms (your "grabby grabber" or your "walky bits") or, worse yet, no words at all. How would you tell someone if something was wrong? How would you develop any sense of ownership? With silence comes shame and confusion.

Talking about sex isn't always easy, especially when kids are involved, but that's why it's part of the curriculum. If we want our kids to grow up to be healthy, happy adults who know how to protect and love their bodies, this conversation needs to happen — and it needs to happen early.

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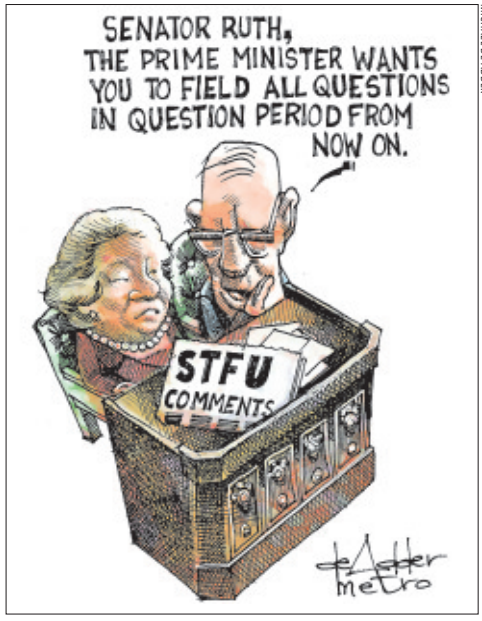

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Anti-apartheid activist dies at 77
The former head of a South African anti-apartheid movement has died. The Black Sash, which Sheena Duncan served as president, said she died Tuesday at 77. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Chaos in Greece

Riots turn deadly, country comes to standstill

Deadly riots over new austerity measures engulfed the streets of Athens yesterday, and three people were killed as angry protesters tried to storm parliament, hurled Molotov cocktails at police and torched buildings.

Tens of thousands of people took to the streets as part of a general strike to protest new taxes and government spending cuts demanded by the International Monetary Fund and European countries before heavily indebted Greece gets a $141-billion US bailout package of loans to keep it from defaulting.

Three people died after being trapped in a burning bank along the main demonstration route in central Athens — the first deaths during a protest in Greece since 1991, when four people trapped in a burning office building were killed. Another five were rescued.

"A demonstration is one thing and murder is quite another," Prime Minister George Papandreou thundered in parliament during a session to discuss the spending cuts he announced Sunday. Legislators held a minute of silence for the dead.

In Berlin, Chancellor Angela Merkel called the bailout critical for all of Europe. "Nothing less than the future of Europe, and with that the future of Germany in Europe, is at stake," Merkel told lawmakers. "We are at a fork in the road."

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Protesters clash with riot police outside the Greek parliament yesterday in Athens.

"Nothing less than the future of Europe ... is at stake."
German Chancellor Angela Merkel on the potential effect of the Greek financial crisis on Europe

On the streets of Athens, demonstrators chanted "Thieves, thieves!" as they attempted to break through a riot police cordon guarding Parliament and chased ceremonial guards away from the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in front of the building.

The marches came amid a 24-hour general strike that grounded all flights to and from Greece, shut down ports, schools and government services and left hospitals working with emergency medical staff.

The Acropolis and all other ancient sites were closed and journalists also walked off the job, suspending television and radio news broadcasts.

But media later broke the strike to report on the deaths and the violence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Retirement a blow for Democrats

U.S. A leading U.S. liberal Democrat and chairman of the powerful House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee said yesterday that he will retire at the end of his term this year, dealing Democrats defending their majority another blow in an election season of voter discontent.

David Obey

Rep. David Obey, 71, who has served in the House for more than 40 years, faced a potentially bruising re-election campaign ahead of the November voting. Democrats now control both chambers of Congress and the White House but are at risk of seeing their majorities dwindle or disappear.

"There is a time to stay and a time to go," he told reporters. "And this is my time to go."

Obey, among a handful of veteran House Democrats who had been bracing for competitive races later this year, has routinely won re-election easily despite representing a competitive district in Wisconsin.

He won in 2008 with 61 per cent of the vote. But he has never faced the level of competition as he does this year as voters sour on Washington. "I think, frankly, that my district is ready for someone new to make a fresh start," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

NIGERIA The government yesterday dropped criminal charges against the oil-rich nation's former anti-corruption czar, potentially allowing him to return home from exile. Nuhu Ribadu, the one-time chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, fled Nigeria in 2008 after he received death threats and survived a drive-by shooting, his lawyer said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Police arrest seven suspected IRA dissidents
Police arrested seven suspected Irish Republican Army dissidents yesterday on suspicion of involvement in a wave of bomb attacks this year in the British territory of Northern Ireland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BP will try to box off oil leak

A 100-ton box designed to help funnel out oil spewing from the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico was loaded onto a boat yesterday so it could begin its journey to the leak site about 80 kilometres off the Louisiana coast.

The giant concrete-and-steel box is the best short-term solution to bottling up the disastrous oil spill that threatens sealife and livelihoods along the Gulf Coast. BP PLC chief operating office Doug Suttles said it would take about two days to put it precisely on the seafloor.

"It is very complex and we'll likely have challenges along the way," he said.

The pipes and tubing were to be hooked to a ship over the weekend, and if successful, the oil would eventually be brought to shore.

The box is the latest idea engineers from oil giant BP PLC are trying after an oil rig the company was operating exploded April 20, killing 11 workers. It sank two days later.

U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry cautioned about high expectations for the containment system. "So, please, I have to manage your expectations and just understand that our job is not done until this well is sealed, until this well is cemented, our job is not done till then," she said.

She also said fires had been lit where the oil is heaviest, near the area of the accident.

Crews last set fire to surface oil April 28. A 28-minute burn removed thousands of litres from threatening the coast, but weather had not allowed them to do it again. Waves and wind were calm yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oil near coast

- Two satellite images taken yesterday morning indicate oil has reached the Mississippi Delta and the Chandeleur Islands off the coast of Louisiana.

San Diego Seal seeks police protection

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Kevin Robinson, an animal care specialist at Sea World, pulls a baby seal out from under a San Diego Police car yesterday, where the seal had sought refuge. The pup, estimated to be about eight months old, was taken to Sea World and examined before being released back in the ocean.

Sugar harvest down in Cuba

HAVANA Cuba said yesterday that this year's sugar harvest is the least productive in more than a century — a scathing assessment that follows the firing of the head of an industry that was once a symbol of the nation.

A report in the Communist Party newspaper Granma said the harvest fell short of expectations by 850,000 tons, though it did not specify what the goal had been. It said there had not been "such a poor sugar campaign" since 1905.

Troubles with harvests in other parts of the world have helped push sugar prices higher on world markets and could lead to increased prices for baked goods and other food products down the road as food processors pass along rising costs to consumers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pirates board oil tanker off Somalia

INDIAN OCEAN Somali pirates armed with automatic weapons boarded an oil tanker with $50 million US of oil yesterday but the ship's Russian crew locked itself into a safe room to wait for a Russian warship rushing to the scene, a European Union Naval spokesman said.

The pirates launched the attack on the Liberian-flagged ship, which is named the Moscow University, at dawn. Cmdr. John Harbour, the EU Naval Force spokesman, said the crew evaded the pirates for several hours while sending out distress calls.

A maritime patrol aircraft flew over the 106,000-ton ship yesterday afternoon but it was not moving, said Harbour. It is unclear if pirates or the 23 Russian crew retained control of the ship. The ship is carrying 86,000 tons of crude oil. A Russian warship was heading to the ship at full speed but had not arrived by nightfall, Harbour said. He declined to say how long the warship would take to arrive or what action it might take, citing security.

If crew members were hurt, he warned, the Russians could respond "very robustly." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Congo rebel leader captured

AFRICA Civilians recruited to a new rebel movement in Congo's northwest captured the group's leader yesterday and he now will stand trial for war crimes, the government information minister said.

The rebel leader known as Odjani is accused of leading attacks and fighting in the region that has forced 200,000 people from their homes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Was NYC plot a dud all along?

A man accused of trying to detonate a car bomb in Times Square was videotaped buying consumer-grade fireworks at a Pennsylvania store that a company official said were not nearly strong enough to make a powerful bomb.

Bruce Zoldan, president of Ohio-based Phantom Fireworks, said Faisal Shahzad, 30, was captured on surveillance video buying fireworks from his company's Matamoras, Penn., showroom, within the last two months.

"The M-88 he used wouldn't damage a watermelon," Zoldan said. "Thank goodness he used that."

Shahzad was charged Tuesday with trying to blow up a crude gasoline and propane device inside a sport utility vehicle parked Saturday amid tourists and Broadway theatregoers.

"The M-88 he used wouldn't damage a watermelon."
Bruce Zoldan, fireworks salesman

He was in custody after being hauled off a Dubai-bound plane he boarded Monday night at John F. Kennedy International Airport despite being under surveillance and placed on the federal no-fly list.

Authorities say Shahzad has admitted his role in the botched bombing plot and is co-operating with investigators, but they don't yet know whether others were involved in the plan to blow up the vehicle.

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India **Rain, rain go away**

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It was a rainy day in Srinagar, India yesterday — these Kashmiri kids did their best to shield themselves from the downpour.

U.S. to appeal release of militia members till trial

COURTS Federal prosecutors said yesterday they will appeal a judge's decision to release until trial nine jailed members of a Michigan militia accused of plotting to overthrow the government.

The nine members of the southern Michigan militia, called Hutaree, are charged with conspiracy to commit sedition, or rebellion, against the government and the attempted use of weapons of mass destruction. Authorities have said the group planned to kill a police officer and then bomb a subsequent funeral.

Prosecutors claim the suspects are too dangerous to be released from jail. But U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts on Monday ruled they could go home until trial under strict conditions, including electronic monitoring. She suspended her ruling to give the government time to consider appealing her decision.

Roberts now must decide whether the suspects should be released or whether they should continue to be detained pending the outcome of the government's appeal.

An undercover agent infiltrated the group and secretly recorded some members talking about killing police and fearing a "New World Order."

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Ohio man exonerated by DNA after 30 years

An Ohio man tasted freedom for the first time in nearly 30 years Tuesday after a judge vacated his conviction because DNA evidence showed he did not rape an 11-year-old girl. "It finally happened, I've been waiting," Raymond Towler, 52, said as he hugged sobbing family members in the courtroom. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy church abuse victims seek accountability

CHURCH SCANDAL Victims of a Florence priest who was defrocked in 2008 for alleged sexual and psychological abuse are now demanding that his bishops be held responsible for keeping his crimes quiet for so long.

The victims' appeal is the latest sign that clerical abuse in Italy, long so taboo that it was rarely spoken of much less acted on, is increasingly getting public attention and forcing the Vatican to confront the problem in its own backyard. To date, no Italian bishop is known to have resigned for having shielded a pedophile priest. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran welcomes Brazilian mediation

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has agreed "in principle" to a Brazilian role in breaking the deadlock over a UN-backed nuclear fuel swap with the West.

Under the UN plan first put forward in 2009, Western powers would send nuclear fuel rods to a Tehran reactor in exchange for Iran's stock of lower-level enriched uranium. The U.S. and its allies fear Iran's disputed nuclear program aims to build nuclear weapons, and view the swap as a way to curb Tehran's capacity to do so.

Iran, which insists its nuclear program only aims to generate electricity, rejected the original exchange proposal. At the same time, the country's leaders have worked to keep the offer on the table, proposing variations, though without accepting the terms set in the UN proposal.

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Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, right, listens to an official yesterday prior to the start of a media briefing upon his return to Tehran.

A statement posted on Ahmadinejad's website late Tuesday said during a telephone conversation with Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, the Iranian president "announced his agreement in principle" to Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's mediation proposal.

However, a spokesman for Brazil's Foreign Ministry said yesterday Brasilia had not made an official offer to mediate yet, but that Brazil was ready to help with talks any way it can.

Iran has to date made several counteroffers to the West.

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Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej is pushed on a wheelchair yesterday as he leaves Siriraj hospital for a ceremony marking the 60th anniversary of his coronation.

Ailing Thai king makes rare appearance for anniversary

ASIA Thais put aside their political animosity yesterday to honour the country's ailing monarch on the 60th anniversary of his coronation, and his rare public appearance inspired thousands lining the streets to chant "Long Live the King!"

The highly revered King Bhumibol Adulyadej emerged in a wheelchair from a Bangkok hospital to preside over the ceremonies. The 82-year-old king, the world's longest reigning monarch, has been hospitalized for the past nine months with what the palace initially described as a lung inflammation.

The monarch made no comment on the paralyzing stalemate pitting Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva's government against protesters who have occupied parts of Bangkok and built barricades over the past eight weeks to demand the premier's resignation. Clashes with soldiers and other violence have killed 27 people and injured nearly 1,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

U.S. A Louisiana man has pleaded guilty to killing a woman during a Ku Klux Klan initiation. Raymond Foster of Bogalusa was immediately sentenced yesterday to life in prison for second-degree murder by state District Judge Peter Garcia.

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Crash hospitalizes two kids

Two children were taken to hospital yesterday as a precaution after a mini-van crashed into a suburban Boston daycare centre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peace talks resume

A U.S. mediator launched Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations yesterday after a break of more than a year, starting a shuttle mission between a hard-line Israeli government and a Palestinian administration in control of only part of its territory.

U.S. President Barack Obama's Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, met for three hours with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to start the indirect negotiations. In a statement, Netanyahu's office said the talks would continue today. No details were released.

Mitchell will travel between Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem and the headquarters of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank city of Ramallah, less than half an hour's drive away.

But the positions of the two sides are worlds apart, and Mitchell's shuttling would be considered a success if he managed no more than to persuade the Israelis and Palestinians to sit down at the same table — something they did for nearly two decades before the last round of talks ended in January 2009.

The two could not even agree about the technicality of whether the talks had begun. Israel labelled the Mitchell-Netanyahu meeting yesterday as the beginning of the mediation, while Palestinians insisted they still had to give formal approval to the process over the weekend.

Restarting the talks after a year of intensive diplomacy could give the Obama administration a badly needed foreign policy achievement, but it would be a temporary gain unless progress is made.

Abbas is allocating four months for the indirect talks, insisting that the main disagreements must be discussed — control of Jerusalem, Palestinian refugees, borders and Israel's West Bank settlements.

"Negotiations will focus on final status issues and there's no need to enter into details and small matters, because we have had enough of that in the previous negotiations," Abbas said after talks with Jordan's King Abdullah II in the Jordanian capital.

"We said the indirect negotiations will last only four months," Abbas said.

"After that, we will go to the Arab League to consult on whether to continue or what to do."

Mitchell is due to meet Abbas later in the week.

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What will they talk about?

- The Palestinians have refused to hold direct talks with Israel until it freezes all Jewish construction in the West Bank and east Jerusalem.
- Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu agrees to talk about everything, but has made it clear that his priority is safeguarding Israel's security.
- Over the past decade, the two sides have come close to a comprehensive accord twice, but talks broke down both times in disagreement over core issues, especially Jerusalem, home to holy sites revered by Christians, Jews and Muslims.

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A plume of ash rises from a volcano erupting under the Eyjafjallajokull glacier yesterday.

Volcano ash troubles not over yet

DELAYS A new wave of dense volcanic ash from Iceland snarled air traffic yesterday in Ireland and Scotland, stranding tens of thousands of people and threatening to spill into the air space of England.

Ireland's key hub, Dublin Airport, admitted defeat for the day and cancelled all flights until 4 a.m. today, marooning more than 30,000 passengers. More than a dozen other airports throughout the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland also shut down as unseasonal winds pushed the engine-wrecking ash southwest back toward the Atlantic rather than northeast into the unpopulated Arctic.

The renewed volcanic-ash threat in the skies of Britain and Ireland this week, following a two-week lull, has tested the more precise safety rules adopted by European aviation authorities following the unprecedented April 14-20 closure of most northern European airspace. Britain's Civil Aviation Authority said yesterday's ash might reach northwestern England and Wales but would miss the four major airports of London. Authorities are seeking to stop flights only when the ash reaches certain density levels and gets within 100 kilometres of an airport's path for landings and takeoffs — a stark contrast to last month's closures of air services throughout several countries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

CHILD ABUSE A Canadian man pleaded guilty yesterday to charges stemming from an international pedophile ring that investigators traced from computer records in New Jersey to Thailand. John Wrenshall entered his plead in a Newark federal courtroom to conspiring to engage in sex tourism and conspiring to produce child pornography, and one count of distributing the materials. The 63-year-old Wrenshall admitted to detailed graphic abuse of boys as young as four years old.

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Domtar issues dividend

Domtar is restoring its quarterly dividend for the first time in nearly five years as the paper giant looks to reward shareholders following its dramatic financial turnaround. The Montreal-based company said yesterday that, starting in July, it will pay a quarterly dividend of 25 cents, for an annual payout of $1 per share. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cott seeking boost from energy drinks

STRATEGY Toronto-based soft drink bottler Cott Corp. says it is embarking on a new growth strategy in the trendy energy drink market in an attempt to rejuvenate fizzling sales in North America.

"Developing a platform in the energy drink category in the U.S. is a particular focus for us," Cott CEO Jerry Fowden told investors yesterday.

He said the energy drink line has been stocked on shelves at a few key customers in the U.S. for several months.

Cott said the popularity of energy and sports drinks contributed to first quarter growth of 24.5 per cent in its top performing U.K. and European markets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Newsweek **On sale now**

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Newsweek magazine is displayed on a newsstand yesterday at South Station in Boston. The Washington Post Co. is putting Newsweek up for sale in hopes that another owner can figure out how to stem losses at the 77-year-old weekly magazine.

Loonie loses ground

Spreading Greek crisis sparks flight to U.S. dollar

The loonie's assault on parity with the U.S. dollar appears to have stalled — for now — amid a flight to safety from the spreading Greek contagion.

With the sovereign debt crisis threatening to metastasize across southern Europe, the Canadian currency is once again finding it difficult to stay aloft as investors flee to traditional safe-haven currencies, particularly the greenback.

The loonie fell for the second straight day yesterday — at one time plunging almost a cent, reaching a two-month bottom of 96.58 cents US — before recovering somewhat to 97.12 cents.

The loonie is performing well against the euro, however, having gained about two per cent so far this week.

97.12¢
Predictions of lasting parity with the U.S. dollar have evaporated, at least for now.

The swoon against the U.S. currency is reminiscent of a couple of years ago, when the financial meltdown and ensuing economic collapse sent the loonie tumbling from near parity in September 2008 to about 77 cents US by the following March.

Economists don't expect the European crisis to precipitate such a deep fall-off this time, although they say the loonie could stay below par for some time.

Then as now, the trouble emanates from outside Canada's borders. And then, more than now, Canada would appear better cushioned from the fallout than most countries, including the United States. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Linamar to make wind turbine components
Canadian auto parts maker Linamar Corp. and German-based NCB Lohmann say they have formed a strategic alliance to build and develop wind turbine components for customers in North America. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Google adds more tools

Google is fine-tuning the way it presents its Internet search results to make it easier for people to find information and images they want.

The new tools being introduced will be accompanied by a touched-up Google logo featuring slightly brighter hues of red, blue, green and yellow, with less shadow in the background.

Google's most noticeable changes will occur to the left of its search results. That area will offer more tools for reshuffling results into specific categories, such as news, images, blogs and video. The new alternatives also will open more doors to other possible topics of interest.

The changes are part of the incessant tinkering Google does to maintain its commanding lead in the Internet's lucrative search market. The company says it made about 550 revisions to its search engine last year alone, mostly tweaks to its closely guarded formulas for deciding which results and ads to display after processing a search request. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New Google

NEW TOOLS: Google is making it easier for people to carve up search results to suit their tastes.
NEW LOGO: The new search tools will be accompanied by subtle changes to Google's red, blue, green and yellow logo. The colours are slightly brighter and the trademark symbol has been removed.
THE AIM: By making it easier for people to find the information and images they want, Google hopes to maintain its commanding lead over Yahoo and Microsoft in the Internet's lucrative search market.

Automodular loss lower than last year

AUTO Car parts maker Automodular Corp. reported a first-quarter net loss yesterday of $200,000, improved from a year-earlier loss of $1 million, but dragged down by the impact of General Motors cancelling its contracts with the supplier of auto parts and assembly line services.

Toronto-based Automodular said the quarter includes a $1.5-million pretax charge for severance costs and $3.3-million impairment charge related to the General Motors termination announced in April.

The loss amounted to one cent per share in the most recent period, versus a loss of four cents per share in the comparable period of 2009.

The cancelled contracts — to supply parts and services for the assembly of the Camaro muscle car at GM's Oshawa plant — accounted for about 20 per cent of Automodular's overall business, but it continues to supply GM's plant in Lordstown, Ohio as well as Ford Canada's plant in Oakville.

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Revenue up for Pareto Corp.

MARKETING Pareto Corp. is projecting higher revenue for 2010 after the marketing company booked improved results in the first quarter, thanks to a recent acquisition and its new focus on "shopper marketing."

The Toronto-based company said yesterday its net income increased to $838,789 or 2.3 cents a share in the January-March period. That is nearly 30 per cent higher than the $656,770 or 1.5 cents a share it booked in the same period last year.

The company started focusing on shopper marketing last year. It involves in-store messaging, loyalty marketing and direct marketing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toronto-based music distributor Fluid Music Canada says it is acquiring Mood Media Group SA. The deal is worth about $206 million US. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Torstar president and CEO David Holland speaks during the company's annual general meeting yesterday in Toronto.

Torstar cautiously optimistic

Executives at Torstar Corp., owner of the Toronto Star newspaper and other dailies and weeklies, and part owner of Metro, are sounding a cautiously optimistic tone for the year as revenues edge towards a somewhat unpredictable recovery.

"We're certainly not seeing a big, robust recovery, but we're not seeing further decline," Torstar president and CEO David Holland told analysts in a conference call yesterday.

"I still think that the viability around the balance of the year on the revenue side isn't particularly good, because I think it does tie into how the economy plays out."

Torstar, like most in the newspaper industry, has faced eroding readership of its newsprint publications while the economic downturn delivered an extra slap as advertisers started reducing their budgets.

However, in its first-quarter results, the company reported a net profit of $7.4 million, or nine cents per share, as cost cutting helped drive efficiencies at its newspaper and digital operations.

The earnings results missed average analyst expectations of 11 cents per share, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters, but reversed a loss of $21.4 million or 27 cents a share for the same year-ago period.

Holland noted the latest results were being compared to a "very slow start in the first quarter of 2009," which was evident in the weaker revenue numbers.

Shares in Torstar declined 31 cents or 2.8 per cent to $10.94 in early trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Bell Aliant plans major expansion

$350M Bell Aliant plans to spend $350 million so that by the end of 2012, more than 600,000 homes and businesses will have access to its advanced broadband network.

TELECOM Regional telecom operator Bell Aliant wants to increase the number of TV subscribers and its revenues with a $350-million expansion to the Atlantic phone company's advanced broadband network in 2011 and 2012.

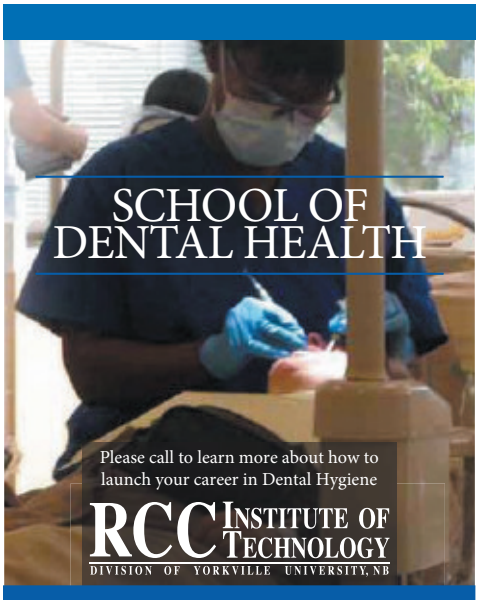
Halifax-based Bell Aliant has about 37,000 TV customers and expanding its fibre optic to-the-home network will help "dramatically accelerate" subscribers, president and CEO Karen Sheriff said yesterday, a day after the company reported slightly lower quarterly profits.

"It's a very cost-effective thing for us to build and it gives us the opportunity for revenue growth," Sheriff said in an interview.

"It does that because it lets us pretty significantly expand our television footprint, to offer television to way more people than we do today because it's an IPTV (Internet-based) solution," she said.

The fibre optic network allows faster downloads of data such as music or movies and the ability to share video and photos faster. It is also used for digital services such as high-definition television and high-speed Internet.

Sheriff added some of the network expansion will be in Central Canada but added she couldn't give geographic locations for competitive reasons. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Garnett misses practice
Boston Celtics forward Kevin Garnett is nursing a mild mid-foot sprain that has kept him out of practice. The Celtics and Cleveland Cavaliers are tied 1-1 in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal series. Game 3 isn't until tomorrow night, and coach Doc Rivers says he expects Garnett to play. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Tebow jersey top seller

Tim Tebow, left, already leads the NFL in one category: Jersey sales. His Denver Broncos No. 15 was by far the most popular on the NFL's website for April. His celebrity clearly trumps the debate over whether he will ever make it as an NFL quarterback after winning the Heisman Trophy and two national championships at Florida. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Leaner Tracy prepares for Indy 500

RACING It will be a new-look Paul Tracy behind the wheel at the Indianapolis 500 later this month.

The veteran Canadian driver has shed a whopping 35 pounds in just eight weeks. Tracy said he became motivated to get in shape after starting work on a Speed Channel television show in the off-season.

"They had sent me some raw footage to watch from one of the first episodes we filmed," Tracy said yesterday. "I saw myself on TV and said, 'God damn, I've got to lose some weight.'"

Tracy hooked up with the same personal trainer he used in 2003 when he won the overall title in the old Champ Car World Series. His calisthenics-heavy routine has paid off. Tracy is down to a svelte 188 pounds.

"I've been putting in about two or two-and-a-half hours on the bike in the morning and training with a trainer in the afternoon for about an hour-and-a-half and really just watching what I eat," Tracy said.

The 41-year-old Toronto native will drive the No. 15 car for KV Racing Technology in the Indy 500 May 30.

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Lind shot seals sweep

Indians were one out away from ending their losing streak

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Manny Acta endured plenty of losses with the Washington Nationals. His time with the Cleveland Indians hasn't been much better.

The Indians were one out away yesterday from ending a losing streak and salvaging a game against the Toronto Blue Jays. Then his backup shortstop made an error and his closer left a fastball out over the plate.

When Adam Lind's ninth inning two-run homer landed in the bleachers in left, the Blue Jays had a 5-4 victory and the Indians were dealt another stinging loss. But it wasn't the worst of Acta's career.

"I guess you don't know my track record," Acta said. "I've had some tough ones."

Yesterday's loss will make the list.

Tribe closer Chris Perez (0-2), trying to get five outs for his first save since April 18, retired the first two hitters in the ninth. Following a Fred Lewis double, his third hit of the game, Aaron Hill hit a slow roller to short that trickled between the legs of Luis Valbuena.

Lind's blast on a 1-2 pitch followed and Toronto had a four-game winning streak and its first three-game sweep in Cleveland since Sept. 9-11, 2002.

Lind ended an 0-for-19 skid with a single in the fourth before his big blow in the ninth. It was Toronto's league-leading 43rd home run and fifth of the series.

Lind was so desperate for a hit that he recently cut his hair short to try to break his slump.

"A few people aren't too thrilled about that, like fiancées," he said. "But you've got to get your knocks." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Toronto Blue Jays designated hitter Adam Lind, right, celebrates with Aaron Hill yesterday after Lind hit a two-run home run off Cleveland Indians relief pitcher Chris Perez in Cleveland.

Sports in brief

SOCCER Tottenham qualified for the Champions League for the first time yesterday, beating Manchester City 1-0 after Peter Crouch's late headed goal sealed a top-four spot in the Premier League. The victory ensured Spurs will finish in the top four at the expense of big-spending City.

NFL The New Orleans Saints and all-pro guard Jahri Evans have reached an agreement on a seven-year contract worth nearly $57 million US. A person familiar with the contract told The Associated Press the deal was for $56.7 million. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the financial terms were not disclosed by the club.

NBA The estranged wife of Dwyane Wade has filed suit against his actress girlfriend Gabrielle Union, saying their relationship has caused the star Miami Heat guard's two sons emotional distress. Dwyane Wade called the lawsuit "baseless and meritless," and Union issued a statement insisting the allegations are false.

NBA Kobe Bryant is on the NBA all-defensive first team for the fifth straight year. Boston Celtics guard Rajon Rondo made the first team for the first time, earning the second-most points behind the league's defensive player of the year, Orlando Magic centre Dwight Howard.

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Walker eyeing NBA return

Former NBA all-star Antoine Walker is eyeing an NBA comeback. Louisville coach Rick Pitino says Walker will work out with several Cardinals over the next few weeks. Walker hasn't played in the NBA since 2008 and has suffered legal and financial woes since stepping away from the game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Won't get 'fooled' again

Despite its dominance, Canada has little to show from recent tourneys

Canada's recent record at the IIHF World Hockey Championship underscores the challenge that lies ahead.

Despite going 25-2 over the past three years at the tournament, the country only has one gold medal to show for its efforts — capturing the event in 2007 before losing consecutive finals to Russia by one goal each time.

Forward John Tavares

If Canada had received a couple timely saves or a little more offence, it would likely be gunning for a fourth straight world championship gold starting this week in Germany. Instead, it enters in the midst of a stunning run of success that has tasted a little bit sour.

The Canadian team once again looks as strong as any other at the event, but recent history has kept it from feeling overconfident heading in.

"We've seen enough of this tournament now that we won't get fooled into thinking that they're going to be easier games over there," said coach Craig MacTavish.

MacTavish has experienced the disappointment first-hand, serving as an associate coach with the 2005 and 2008 world championship teams that lost in the gold-medal game. This will be his first crack at being the head man and he's found himself drawing up line combinations in recent weeks while general manager Mark Messier assembled the roster.

Goaltender Chris Mason

Coming on the heels of Canada's victory at the Vancouver Olympics, there's been a clear emphasis on youth and skill with Messier's selections. The Olympic cycle is essentially beginning anew with a number of fresh-faced players who hope to find themselves in the mix come the 2014 Games in Sochi, Russia.

Steven Stamkos is at the top of that list after a season in which he tied Sidney Crosby for the NHL's goal-scoring lead. He's back at the world championship for a second straight year, but feels just as much pressure to make an impression.

"You really want to show that you can do it at an international level," said Stamkos, one of six players on the team who are 20 or under. "Obviously, your goal is to eventually make that Olympic team. These are the steps that lead you there."

Canada takes its first steps at the tournament with a game against Italy Saturday in Mannheim, Germany. It will also face Latvia and Switzerland in the preliminary round — games that will be important for a collection of players from all over the NHL who are trying to grow into a cohesive unit.

Chris Mason will start as the No. 1 goaltender and be backed up by Chad Johnson, a 23-year-old with just five NHL games under his belt for the New York Rangers. If Messier decides to make any late roster additions, they will likely include a goalie.

There should be an edge to this Canadian squad. The skill of Stamkos, John Tavares and Matt Duchene will be balanced by black-and-blue workers Corey Perry, Steve Ott, Steve Downie and Ryan Smyth, the veteran famously dubbed "Captain Canada" who is back for his eighth world championship after a five-year hiatus.

"We've seen enough of this tournament now that we won't get fooled into thinking that they're going to be easier games over there." Canada coach Craig MacTavish

Above all, Messier wanted to build a team that is hungry and driven.

"I think you need to be able to win with offence, you need to win with defence and you need to be able to win in the alley — you need to be able to win in the streets," he said. "Hockey's hockey no matter where it's played or what rules it's played under. You've still got to fight for space, you've still got to want to win.

Forward Corey Perry

"We tried to put a team together that we felt was capable of doing all those things."

The toughest challenge should come from the Russians, who have Alex Ovechkin, Ilya Kovalchuk and several other top players who will be looking to make amends for a disappointing sixth-place finish in Vancouver. They will also have the opportunity to win a third straight world championship gold — something the country hasn't accomplished since the dominant days of the Soviet Union.

The Finns, Swedes and Americans will also be hoping to compete for a medal, but have hinged their success on less-proven players than they brought to the Olympics.

Like Canada, those countries are also looking to the future and turning to youth.

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The Rock's Kasey Beirnes celebrates his goal during National Lacrosse League action earlier this year between the Toronto Rock and Buffalo Bandits at the Air Canada Centre.

Toronto, Edmonton look to advance to NLL title game

LACROSSE The National Lacrosse League's divisional finals will span the continent when the Toronto Rock play the Orlando Titans in Florida and the Edmonton Rush face the Washington Stealth in Seattle Saturday night.

The Titans and the Stealth are each 12-5 so far this year, and both are especially good at home.

The Titans are 6-3 in Orlando, which gives them a distinct edge in the divisional final given that the Rock are only 3-5 on the road in 2010. But head coach Ed Comeau is wary of the Rock.

"Toronto's got a real good team and is going to come in well-prepared, and they want to get to the championship game as much as we do," said Comeau.

Orlando won both regular-season meetings — barely — and Toronto GM-assistant coach Terry Sanderson says his players won't be intimidated heading south.

"We thought we played pretty well both times we played Orlando," said Sanderson. "We were real happy with our game down there and if we could get a duplicate of that and a bounce here and there ... we plan on giving them a game again on Saturday.

"We believe we match up well with them. But, let's not kid ourselves, they were first for a reason."

Comeau has missed his team's last two games to remain at home in Hamilton to be with his wife, who is recuperating from surgery, and he won't know until later in the week if he can head south. Assistant coach Paul Day has done an award-winning job behind the bench in Comeau's absence.

"Toronto's got a real good team and is going to come in well-prepared, and they want to get to the championship game as much as we do." Titans head coach Ed Comeau

The only thing Sanderson knows for sure is his defence will have its hands full trying to contain Titans superstar Casey Powell.

"Everybody realizes their offence runs through Casey," said Sanderson. "There's not enough words to describe what that man can do.

"We've got to limit Casey's scoring, if that's possible. They've got Powell, we've got Colin Doyle. It might come down to who control's the other team's big guys best."

Toronto's Stephan Leblanc is the NLL's rookie of the month for April.

"I'm real pleased to see Steph honoured like that for his hard work," said Sanderson. "I know deep down that what is most important to him is his playoff run with us."

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Lumsden done with Eskies

Jesse Lumsden's tenure with the Edmonton Eskimos has come to an end. The team released the Canadian running back after just one season. Lumsden signed with the Eskimos last off-season but injured his shoulder in the season opener against Winnipeg and didn't play again. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mastery beyond goals

Crosby not scoring much, but making presence felt in other ways

The Montreal Canadiens won't complain that Sidney Crosby draws the odd questionable penalty — at least as long as the Pittsburgh Penguins superstar isn't killing them with goals.

The Canadiens have kept Crosby from scoring — quite a feat, considering he finished with 51 regular-season goals, tied for the league lead with Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos. Yet, despite the recent drought, the Penguins' captain has made his presence felt in other ways.

Crosby looked to be at his thespian best as he lashed about with defenceman Hal Gill, leaning into him, drawing what turned out to be a decisive holding call with 12 seconds left in the second period of Pittsburgh's 2-0 victory in Game 3 of their NHL Eastern Conference playoff series.

Then Crosby whacked Josh Gorges on the foot as the period ended, causing a melee that saw Gorges and Pittsburgh's Kris Letang sent off.

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Montreal defenceman Hal Gill grabs Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby during the second period of Tuesday's Game 3.

With both members of Montreal's shut-down defence pair in the penalty box, Evgeni Malkin scored to break the 0-0 tie at 1:16 of the third period before Pascal Dupuis added an empty-net goal in the dying seconds.

Gill, who was Crosby's teammate when the Penguins won the Stanley Cup last spring, said drawing calls is just one of the things Sid The Kid does well.

"He's a guy that leans on you and tries to drive the net and get low and sometimes, when you hit him, he rolls off you and drives into you and he generates a lot of calls that way," said Gill.

"He's a tough guy to play against because you have to stick and move, so to speak. But it's not always that easy to do."

The win gave Pittsburgh a 2-1 edge in the best-of-seven series with Game 4 set for tonight, when there is a chance that Penguins centre Jordan Staal may return after having his right foot cut by a skate in Game 1.

Crosby had five goals and nine assists in the first five games of Pittsburgh's six-game series win over Ottawa in the opening round, but since then, he has put up only a pair of assists in the Pens' 6-3 win in the opening game of the semifinals.

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Red Wings looking to buck history's trend

NHL The Detroit Red Wings have accomplished a lot over the last two decades, winning four Stanley Cups in six trips to the finals during the longest active post-season streak in sports.

The Red Wings, though, have never done what they're trying to do now.

If fact, just two teams in NHL history have won a series after trailing 3-0 as Detroit does against the San Jose Sharks.

Mike Babcock

"We're looking at it as what a great feeling it would be if we could be the team to do that again," Red Wings captain Nicklas Lidstrom said yesterday.

"In doing that, you can only look at the next game and not the four games."

Detroit will host the top-seeded Sharks in Game 4 tonight in their Western Conference semi-final, hoping to give itself a chance to join a select group.

The Toronto Maple Leafs, in the 1942 final against Detroit, and the New York Islanders, in the 1975 quarter-final against Pittsburgh, are the only teams in NHL history to win a series after trailing 0-3.

"That's how hard it is to do," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said.

"And yet, I figure every 33 years or so you've got to be due. It must be our turn."

The Sharks look like they're finally taking their turn in the playoffs, moving within a game of making it to the conference finals for first time since 2004 when the franchise made its longest run.

They've won each of the first three games of the series by a score of 4-3, including Tuesday's overtime victory after trailing by two goals with 13 minutes left in regulation.

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Celtics GM expresses regret

Boston Celtics general manager Danny Ainge said yesterday he regrets tossing a towel in the air to distract an opponent during a free throw attempt, calling himself "unprofessional" for doing so. He was caught by the TV broadcast of Monday's game throwing a towel in the air when Cavaliers forward J.J. Hickson was at the line. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On-field intruders no joke, players and managers say

TASER The video of a 17-year-old fan being chased around the field and finally Tasered at a Philadelphia Phillies game drew laughs as it became an Internet sensation.

Around the major leagues, though, many players and managers aren't joining in.

While some question the use of force on a teen who ran on to the field as a lark, plenty of players, baseball officials and security officers say it's difficult to make that determination in the moment. Recalling the stabbing of tennis star Monica Seles in 1993, and the beating of Royals first base coach Tom Gamboa in 2002, they stressed the need to feel safe on the field.

"You've got to do whatever you think is necessary to stop some of these fans," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's a wacko fan. I'm all for it."

It says something about the distance that has grown between fans and players, but also about the concern that's developed about security among everyone at the ballpark.

Some of baseball's enduring images come from fans on the field — like the two kids in Atlanta patting Hank Aaron as he rounded second base after breaking Babe Ruth's career home run record in 1974.

But there also is a darker side to fans getting in on the action, particularly in the last 20 years or so. Gamboa was mugged by two fans at a Royals-White Sox game in Chicago. The Houston Astros had to rush to the aid of outfielder Bill Spiers when he was attacked by a fan in Milwaukee in 1999 and the NBA's Indiana Pacers brawled with Pistons fans in Detroit in 2004.

"I think it's important that the players are protected out there," Houston manager Brad Mills said. "You never know what's going to happen. So many times we've had guys run on tennis courts with knives or whatever, we just have to make sure that's taken care of."

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Flyers on the ropes

(Boston leads series 3-0)

Bruins 4 Flyers 1

Blake Wheeler, Miroslav Satan and Mark Recchi scored for Boston in a 4-1 win over the Philadelphia Flyers that lifted the Bruins to a commanding 3-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinal series last night.

Patrice Bergeron scored an empty-net goal for the Bruins with 1:52 left.

Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask allowed a quick goal at the start, but stopped 34 shots. The Bruins can complete the sweep in Game 4 in Philadelphia tomorrow night.

Wheeler and Satan scored 94 seconds apart in the first period to wipe out the Flyers' lead, and the Bruins never looked back. They won the first two games of the series at home — and the Bruins might not play in Boston again until the Eastern Conference finals.

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Philadelphia Flyer Ryan Parent is checked off the puck by Boston Bruin Blake Wheeler last night in Philadelphia.

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A kids' castle in High Park.

The Park of Toronto

High Park-Roncesvalles

Spaces & **Places**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Hip, trendy and increasingly popular with real estate deal-finders, Roncesvalles and High Park are communities in flux and on the move.

Long known as Toronto's Polish neighbourhood, Roncesvalles has actually transformed into a very diverse neighbourhood of varied cultures and backgrounds in recent decades without losing its strong Polish identity.

In the stores along Roncesvalles Avenue you'll find some of the best pierogies and pork schnitzels in the city in shops frequented by Poles and non-Poles alike.

The expansive environs of High Park itself give the area a natural beauty and attract plenty of residents eager to live near Toronto's most iconic public park.

Average property value: Roncesvalles - $403,241, High Park - $468,292 **Rent:** Roncesvalles - $838, High Park - $1,031.

Homes you'll see: Like many of the homes surrounding the High Park area, late 1800s designs dominate with Victorian and Edwardian styles being the most common.

Bargain spot: The further you move from High Park itself the cheaper the homes generally become.

Notable locations: St. Casimir's Church (156 Roncesvalles Ave.) draws Poles from across Toronto and serves as a spiritual centre for the city's Polish community — particularly at tough times like the recent Polish plane crash in Russia. North on Bloor Street West, hockey nuts flock to Toronto Hockey Repair (1592 Bloor St. W.) and sister store Goalie Heaven (1590 Bloor St. W.) for a skater's delight of equipment choices.

Hot spots: The Chopin Restaurant (156 Roncesvalles Ave.) and Granowska's (175 Roncesvalles Ave.) offer authentic Polish eats and you can pick up great Eastern European groceries from a wealth of local bakeries and meat shops along Roncesvalles Ave. The Revue Cinema (400 Roncesvalles Ave.) is an old favourite among the celluloid crowd and specializes in theme and event nights.

Education: Humberside Collegiate Institute (280 Quebec Ave.), Keele St. Junior PS (99 Mountview Ave.), Howard Junior PS (30 Marmaduke St.), Fern Avenue PS (128 Fern Ave.), Garden Avenue Junior PS (225 Garden Ave.), St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary (116 Fermanagh Ave.)

Condos & developments: Giraffe Condominiums (1540 Bloor St. W.), The Address at High Park (Bloor & Indian Rd)

Getting around: High Park, Keele, Dundas West and Lansdowne subway stations and Bloor GO Train Station nearby. Dundas streetcar service on the u-shaped Route 505 from Dundas West Station, through the downtown to Broadview Station.

Final word: With easy access to public transit, close access to the beauty of High Park and plenty of varied, thriving independent shops nearby, it's no surprise why Roncesvalles and High Park are increasingly popular with current and would-be residents.

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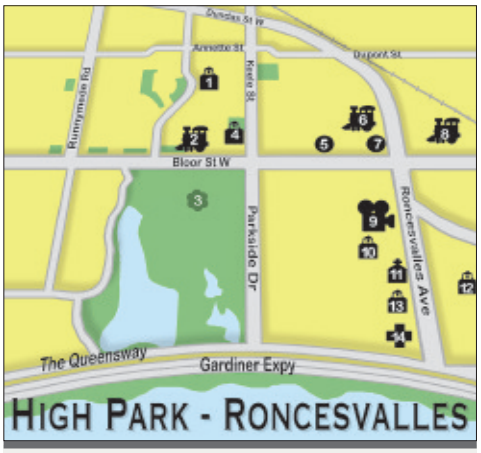
St. Casimir's Church (on Roncesvalles Avenue) is a spiritual centre for Polish people across Toronto. In front of the church is a statue of Pope John Paul II (detail inset).



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- 3: High Park
- 4: Keele Street Junior Public School
- 5: The Address (condo)
- 6: Dundas St. W. Station
- 7: Giraffe (condo)
- 8: Bloor GO Station
- 9: Revue Cinema
- 10: Howard Junior Public School
- 11: St. Casimir's Church (Katyn Memorial)
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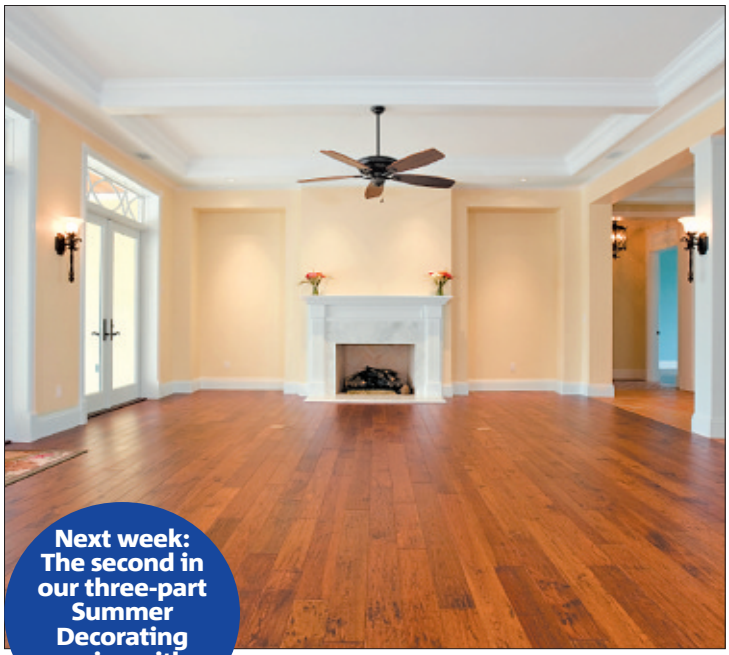

Next week: The second in our three-part Summer Decorating series with India Hicks

During the warm summer months, what do you do with your empty and unused fireplace? According to style icon India Hicks (Twitter: IndiaHicksStyle), display some beautiful wood logs.

Summer decorating in style with India Hicks

DecorMoment

We kick-off our Summer Decorating series with an interview of a woman who knows much about warm weather decor and style.

India Hicks is the daughter of famed interior designer David Hicks, second cousin to Prince Charles, '80s fashion model for Ralph Lauren, host of Bravo TV's Top Design, a hotel owner and fragrance creator of Crabtree & Eveyln's Island Night & Island Living. British-born, she lives in the Caribbean full-time and has designed three guest homes plus a hotel with timeless look that depicts summertime living. India Hicks was visiting Canada last week and I had a chance to talk with her:

Q What are the key decorating elements for creating a summer-style house that can last throughout the entire year?

A Always try to bring elements of the outdoors to the inside of the house. Palm trees are key motifs for creating a summery Caribbean feel and are more dramatic than say, lots of brightly coloured flowers. Dark mahogany wood floors and a light cream/white colour scheme help add to the look.

Karl's tip: Don't mix too many different wood tones in one room; if choosing mahogany floors then also choose mahogany wood-toned furniture. Keep window treatments light and breezy; white linen draperies hung from dark wood curtain rods will help create a perfect summer look.

Q What is your favorite neutral paint colour?

A My colour choices are always changing. Right now, I am surrounding myself with grey tones. I painted the floor of my porch grey and everyone thought I was crazy; it is very soothing and of the moment. Benjamin Moore's Eternity (AF-695) is the perfect grey paint colour at this moment.

Karl's tip: Don't be afraid to paint just one room in your house all white (or a light neutral like grey). It can act as a cool getaway room from all the other rich colours throughout the rest of the house.

Q What is one must-have accessory we can add to our homes to create a summer look?

A A Crabtree & Evelyn's Island Living candle (she says with a proud smile). Its wrapped in a rattan storage box that can be used long after the candle has burnt away. I use the rattan boxes to keep pencils and brushes in my home office. You just don't just get a beautiful accessory, you also get a fragrance for the home.

Karl's tip: Make sure to choose the right type of scents throughout your home; cardamon, vanilla and orange work great in a bedroom; fresh citrus scents in a kitchen; floral scents in a living room or foyer and herbal scents in a dining area.

Q What would be an easy way to dress the inside of an unused fireplace during the summer months?

A Gather some beautiful wood logs to display. I have six perfect logs that are displayed in the fireplace during the hot weather. They get put away when the fireplace becomes operable throughout the winter months.

Karl's tip: Adding small bud vases amongst the logs during the summer months.

Karl Lohnes is passionate about good decor and wants to help you have a beautiful home; no matter what your budget or style.

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If you're thinking of adding onto your home or condo, an easy first step is adding an awning. It will save your furniture and your money. Left: This European-style retractable awning is for a patio. Prices start at about $1800 including installation. Right: This side-arm awning is suitable to shade a window or balcony. Prices start at $500 installed. See harmonyas.com for retailers across Canada.

Is your home or condo ready for an awning?

HomeScape
Sylvia Putz
metronews.ca/homescape

Do you remember those painted aluminum awnings that often graced suburban windows a few decades back?

Well, awnings are back big-time. They've been updated too, and many have a sleek "euro" look that I just love. Imagine a striped Paris café awning, or a large red awning gracefully shading the beer garden of a flower-bedecked Swiss Inn, and you get the idea.

Doesn't it make you want to do this at your home? The good news is that you can, even if you are in Mississauga or Surrey or Peggy's Cove.

An awning is a structure that has traditionally been used to shade a window. It is attached to the outside of a window. It is usually made of waterproof woven material or canvas stretched over an aluminum frame.

These days, awnings can work for a number of different settings, not just for windows. You can shade a terrace, deck or patio with a large retractable awning or provide shade on a balcony or on a large vertical condo window. Ditto for a pool or Jacuzzi. You can shade a glass-topped conservatory or even set up a free-standing shade awning in your yard.

Besides shade and cooling, benefits include energy savings in indoor spaces that are shaded, and protection from sunburn, rain showers and a chilly breeze. Keeping the sun out of your home also means a longer life for upholstered and wood furniture, which will fade out under sunlight over time. Keep in mind that an awning naturally takes advantage of the fact that it is much more efficient to cool a house by shading a window on the outside, before heat even enters the house. And finally, awnings are flexible, allowing you to attach a side flap or even install screens to keep bugs out, if desired.

And does it look sharp, or what? These awnings are a stylish and attractive addition to any home, and can add good looks to traditional spaces as well as contemporary digs. Stripes look wonderfully crisp and nautical, and red, orange or yellow canopies produce a skin-flattering warm tone.

Awnings come in several different types. You can stretch out an awning on a retractable lateral arm, going out as far as 18 feet, and as long as 30 feet. These are meant for patios or decks. A side or drop-arm awning with a roller on top and spring-loaded side arms is meant for balconies or windows.

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A little history lesson:
Originally known as 'Howard Park,' most of Roncesvalles was formerly within the boundaries of Parkdale and Brockton villages and was annexed into Toronto in the 1880s. WIKIPEDIA.ORG

A 'small town inside the big city'

High Park-Roncesvalles
Spaces & Places

KEITH CARMAN
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Over the past 20 years, High Park-Roncesvalles resident Alison Crouch has watched her corner of Toronto blossom into something beyond a collection of insular dwellings in the cold city. It has become the epitome of the term community: A supportive cooperative determined to benefit all.

HEATHER CARMAN OSTRANDER/FOR METRO CANADA

High Park-Roncesvalles has a village in a small town atmosphere, says resident Alison Crouch. Whether it's the families gathering at High Park (left) when the cherry trees blossom, knowing all the store owners (such as the people at the Cherry Bomb coffee shop or the A Good Read bookstore, upper right) or the impromptu skating rink at Sorauren Park (right) and the annual Pumpkin Parade, this place exudes community.

"This area really is a village," she beams. "People talk about how Toronto is a city comprised of villages and small towns. That's what this area thrives on. Even if you're not a part of it yourself, you're enveloped by the community here. Everyone smiles and nods at each other. I've never run into the 'head-down, don't-smile' mentality Toronto is accused of having."

"I feel comfortable allowing my children to walk around and navigate independently because they know everyone from the crossing guard to the corner bakery and greasy spoon," she adds, discussing how residents embrace familiarity in order to ensure High Park-Roncesvalles fosters the safety and self-confidence essential to any thriving locality. "Everyone knows each other and that's an important part of being vested in your neighbourhood: Knowing who makes it up. That's easier when you're a part of this small town inside the big city."

To that extent, Crouch points out some of her favourite businesses, illustrating their extended reach into fostering local pride over simply mongering goods/services. From the Cherry Bomb coffee shop and Home Hardware — with its consistent charitable support — to the Village Healing Centre (offering accessible alternative health-care services at or below rate) and A Good Read's encouraging warmth, she is fond of the commercial contingent's spirit and enthusiasm.

"We've got the chains but we're comprised of independent businesses making personal connections with the people in their neighbourhood. These people are committed because a lot of these owners live here. They don't just drive in. You see them around. You know the shopkeepers, everybody talks to one another; they're your neighbours on the street."

Utilizing the area's ample green spaces as axes for bolstering such relationships, High Park-Roncesvalles regularly features events for all seasons, with highlights including the annual Pumpkin Parade at Halloween and Sorauren Park's impromptu skating rink. As for High Park, its vastness and beauty — currently blooming with cherry blossoms — is a converging point for that sense of welcome and support Crouch sees as inherent of the ward.

"You might not know the other parents hanging out at the park but you don't need to," she invites. "We know (one another's) kids, we all share snacks. Just bring your family, hang out and conversations will start."

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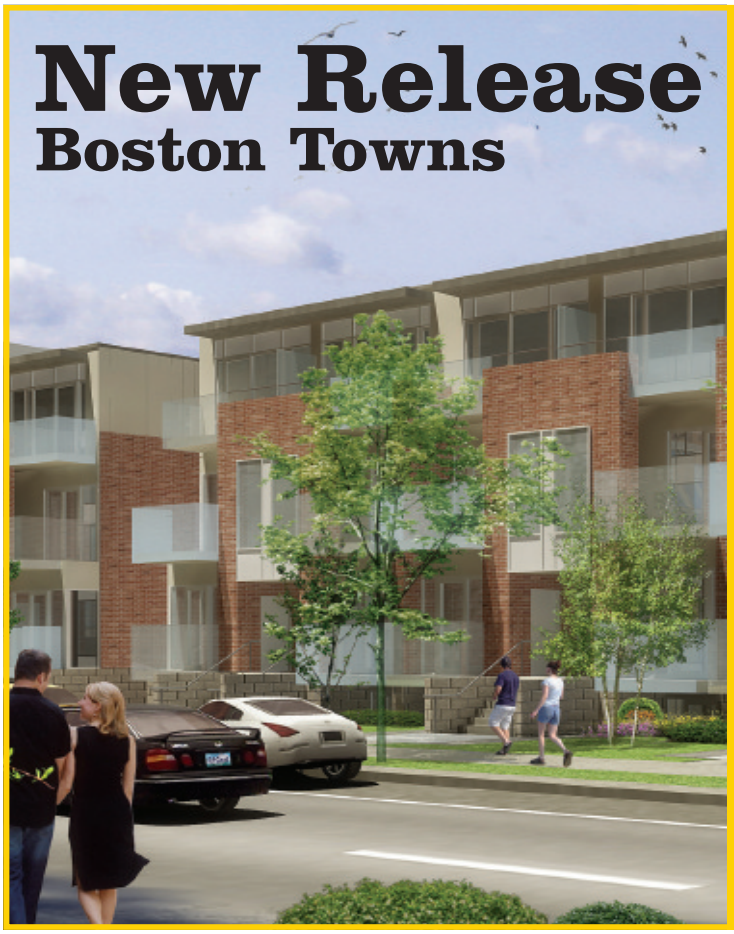

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83 Redpath all about texture

Suite Talk

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Glorious texture takes the reins in the model suite at 83 Redpath and the results are a tangible treat.

The Yonge and Eglinton midtown condo development features a 1,142 sq. ft. model suite where colour takes a supporting role to a rich variety of inspiring textures.

Rather than using colour as a primary inspiration for the model suite, Patton focused instead on mixing a multitude of textures including wood, leather, chenille, linen, marble and porcelain to create tangible contrasts between hard and soft throughout the suite. It's all part of playing to more common senses than visual appeal.

"I find that we respond to the tactile sense better than colour. Colour is so personal whereas we all respond well to textures. People might not like pink or lime green but who doesn't like the softness of chenille or warmth of leather or sleekness of marble?" Patton said.

Seen here are some shots from 83 Redpath.

Colour tones are thus kept mostly neutral throughout the suite with splashes of colour added primarily in artwork and accessories instead of main elements to accent the look. Patton explains the bright freshness of the "clean modern" look he achieved comes from a dichotomy of tone.

"There's a contrast between light and dark. The polar white painted walls play off the dark wenge stained floor; the ebony subway tiled kitchen backsplash contrasts with the pewter and white cabinetry. (It's like how) a fresh, crisp white shirt teamed with a navy or charcoal suit is a great, fresh look," Patton said.

Alongside sleek, modern furniture with strong lines Patton placed a few conspicuously traditional-looking furniture pieces to show that an eclectic spirit can work well in a space and that old can effectively mix with new.

"Nowadays it's smart and chic to reuse/recyle and the traditional pieces show visitors that you can mix in vintage and heirloom pieces with new pieces. The more mature purchaser downsizing from a home wants to feel they can bring some of their existing pieces with them," Patton said.

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Monarch Corporation won the "Oscar equivalent of best picture," said President Brian Johnston (seated centre-right) at this year's BILD awards. Seen here are some of the companies executive as well as BILD president Stephen Dupuis (seated centre-left).

Last Friday marked the 30th anniversary of the annual BILD Awards — an evening of recognition for the excellent work our Association members have done throughout the year. This year, more than 950 homebuilders, developers, design professionals and sales & marketing gurus gathered to see who would come out on top in 46 different award categories. When you put that many Type-A personalities in the same room, you don't hear the buzz, you feel it!

The Monarch Corporation was named Home Builder of the Year as the builder who is setting the standard for the rest of the industry by excelling in quality, service and customer commitment. The award is based on BILD's independent survey of Monarch's homeowners. As an elated Monarch President Brian Johnston quipped, "this is the Oscar equivalent of best picture."

Tridel took home the Green Home Builder of the Year award for the third time since its inception in 2007. The developer was the inaugural award winner, repeated in 2008 and narrowly missed the "three-peat" last year. This is a company that truly gets it when it comes to sustainable development and green building.

On the low-rise side, the Green Home Builder of the Year award was bestowed upon Mason Homes, who also happened to capture the inaugural award in 2007. Ironically, Mason took this particular award away from Monarch Homes, but Monarch was more than happy as Home Builder of the Year.

Next on the awards hierarchy, The Daniels Corporation won the Places to Grow Community of the Year, high-rise award for its huge and very promising Regent Park project.

Lifetime Developments and Great Gulf Homes captured the High-Rise Project of the Year award, plus three marketing awards for X2 in downtown Toronto. Niche Development Limited picked up the Project of the Year award in the low-rise category for Edgemere Private Residences.

This year's show saw the rare natural hat-trick as Concord Adex made three consecutive trips to the stage sweeping all three Best Suite Design awards for its Concord CityPlace project in Toronto.

Stephen Dupuis is president and CEO of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD). He can be reached at president@bildgta.ca.

Concerned over the advent of HST?

LegalMatters

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Q I am considering purchasing a home and have heard entirely contradictory information with respect to the new Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) that is being brought into place on July 1, 2010. Will I have to pay HST if I close after July 1, 2010?

A The first step is to determine what type of home you are buying. If you are purchasing a resale home that has not been substantially renovated then HST does not apply to the purchase price (nor does GST). This is probably the most misunderstood portion of HST. If you are selling an existing home then you would be subject to HST on the commission paid to your realtor.

The real tax hit is if you purchase a new home/condo, or a substantially renovated home and it closes after July 1, 2010. The basic premise is that you pay an additional eight per cent on the purchase price, which results in $8,000 per $100,000 of purchase value.

Even then, if you are purchasing for under $400,000 then you will qualify to an enhanced rebate that will result in only a two-per-cent charge on your purchase price.

However, if the purchase price is over $400,000.00 then the amount of the purchase price over and above this amount is taxable at the full eight per cent of the HST and five per cent GST.

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Designer Suzanne Kasler brings the outdoors in through industrial-sash doors. The room serves as a retreat for the owners to work and as a great entertaining space, it also features a lot of white.

Go bright with white this coming spring

When interior designer Betsy Burnham redecorated her office recently, she made a decision that surprised her staff: She focused on the colour white. White walls, white ceilings, white furniture, even white chandeliers.

"I'm a huge colour fanatic," she says, "but I just think white makes colour pop so beautifully."

Her favourite colourful accessories "never looked as good" as they do now against a white backdrop. "White is crisp, it's young and it's really flexible."

Decorating with white can be intimidating. But, says designer Brian Patrick Flynn of decordemon.com, "used correctly, white lets other things truly work as the breakout stars."

Yes, there are potential pitfalls in working with white (you're probably envisioning red wine spilled on a white sofa). But it can — honestly — be a versatile and practical option.

WHY WHITE WORKS

"White is a trick designers use to modernize things," says Flynn. Traditional pieces of furniture and scuffed wooden floors are revitalized by white paint. Their imperfections are transformed into appealing texture.

Designer Taniya Nayak, host of HGTV's Destination Design and HGTV.com's $100 Half Day Design series, loves spray-painting old picture frames and mirrors a glossy white.

"It instantly gives them a fresh, mod look," she says.

The backdrop of a white floor and walls makes familiar furniture, window treatments and accessories stand out in a new way.

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This photo released by Burnham Design shows a bedroom in white.

"You want it to be livable, not like Liquid Paper. If there's too much blue in it, it's just going to be blinding."
Betsy Burnham

White can feel traditional when paired with ornate pieces, or utterly modern with streamlined furniture and chrome.

"White can also kind of work as a mediator," Flynn says. "Just like bringing in a marriage counsellor, white will work as a mediator between soft and loud colours. You can use it to work as a bridge between two colours."

HOW TO APPROACH IT

Flynn loves doing white walls and furniture with bold colour on the ceiling, in accessories and in the interiors of bookcases.

Nayak recently created a nautical look for her HGTV series that pairs white furniture, ceilings and columns with dramatic navy-blue walls and splashes of yellow.

If you prefer something preppier, she says, try white and navy with a bit of bright green. (Other colour combos she likes: Rooms done entirely in black and white, or white with grey and chartreuse accents.)

If you have a room with large windows, you'll make the view more of a focal point by doing a very white room. "The view becomes your art," says Nayak.

TREADING CAREFULLY

Choose your shades of white carefully.

"You want it to be livable, not like Liquid Paper," Burnham says. "If there's too much blue in it, it's just going to be blinding."

Some whites are warm, with a slightly yellow undertone, while others have a cool tinge. There are also greenish whites, purplish whites and many other varieties. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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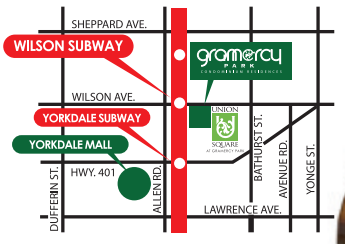

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Homes in **Style**

When in doubt **go stainless**

JENNIFER BILL
for Metro Canada

Stainless steel has long been one of the most popular themes in which to decorate a kitchen. It's modern, relatively easy to maintain, sanitary and flexible.

"It's part of a general trend with decor with a slightly more institutional and industrial look," says Margot Austin, senior design editor at Style at Home magazine. "Stainless steel adds some sheen and texture and certainly some light reflection as well."

She says bathrooms of late have also been embracing stainless steel with bathtubs and the odd toilet.

"It's funny because people think of it as a cold metal but it's very smooth. It looks different than it performs — it gives a cold industrial look but feels satiny to the touch."

Check out this line of kitchenware from Urban Barn: The Axis Whisk & Ceramic Stand Set, left, in stainless steel and also ceramic, is for cooking, baking and everyday making, $17. Sleek and futuristic, the Flying Saucer Salt & Pepper Set, above, will make any table spin, $20. Lightweight and stylish, the Axis Stainless Steel Pitcher, right, is an original piece for your home for everyday use and to wow your guests, $40. Urbanbarn.ca.

Understated and elegant, the Fluted Pendant Lamp has a frilled shade of antique silver that provides a soft counterpoint to the lamp's clean, modern functionality. Anthropologie, $288, anthropologie.com.

This ornate metal Foundry Soap Dish props up slick, bubbly bars. Anthropologie, $24, anthropologie.com.

Left: Say ah! This sleek metal swivel Vintage-Inspired Dentist Lamp casts a soft glow atop comfy couches and reclining chairs alike. Also comes in iron, aluminum, glass. Anthropologie, $4,341, anthropologie.com.
Right: The Roving Rays classic desk lamp has a gleaming silvery shade and an arm that flexes and bends to illuminate your pages. Anthropologie, $598, anthropologie.com.

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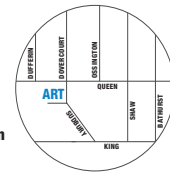

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Wall mounts for TV also safer
Here's another advantage to wall mounting your TV: Safety. Mounts securely place the television up on the wall and out of the way where it can't be accidentally bumped or tipped off. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Renos easier than you think

Do you struggle to fit everything, not to mention everyone, into your home? Meeting your family's growing needs can be a challenge, especially with several generations — and lifestyles — under one roof. But there is good news. Consider a renovation project this spring. Think how you can increase your living and storage space, while making your home more comfortable and saving money.

Taking a thorough look at different parts of your house will help you identify areas that are underutilized. Re-organize them into functional and comfortable living spaces. For example, consider adding a sunroom or an extra den for your teenage daughter or son. Or, how about a family room, a game room, an additional quiet bedroom or even a workshop? Thinking creatively about your home, you can add comfort and save money, while meeting the interests and needs of every member of your family.

"Maximizing the productively used space in your home, you not only improve your comfort and quality of life, but you also increase the overall value of your house," says David Flood, insulation expert at Owens Corning.

To begin, always make sure the areas you are planning to renovate have adequate insulation. From the attic to the basement to the game room to a sunroom addition, there's an energy-saving PINK insulation product for every renovation project in your house.

Owens Corning recommends installing INSULPINK insulation batts for your basement walls, while QuietZone acoustic batts can help minimize noise.

In addition, adequate insulation is a great way to ensure you are maximizing the energy efficiency in your home, and can help you save on energy bills. And, last but not least, with PINK insulation products, made from recycled content, you will help turn waste into useable products.

"Maximizing the productively used space in your home, you not only improve your comfort and quality of life, but you also increase the overall value of your house."
David Flood

For more savings, there are federal, provincial and some municipal governments that offer funding for homeowners who complete energy efficient renovations. Some energy utilities offer additional funding.

With all these reasons to expand your living space, stop waiting and start insulating. More information on grants and incentives can be found online at showmethegreen.ca.

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Do you have a big family? Forced to house many different personalities under one roof? If so, perhaps it's time to expand your living space with a home renovation.

Wall mounts deliver best HDTV

RENOVATION High-definition flat-screen TVs pack a mean punch with incredible colour and unbeatable clarity. Not to mention, these flat screens look stunning sitting on a console or mounted on the wall.

But many consumers are discovering the ugly truth when watching their flat-screen HDTVs from an angle: A degraded picture quality. Industry experts are now trying to educate people on the importance of "on-axis viewing."

Sanus Systems, makers of flat-screen TV wall mounts, suggest hanging your television on the wall with a full-motion wall mount. Wall mounting a TV allows you to adjust the viewing angle so the flat screen always faces you wherever you choose to sit. There are many full-motion mount options that allow you to extend, retract, tilt and swivel the TV exactly where you want it. Motorized wall mounts operate with a remote control for a fully automated solution so you never have to leave your seat.

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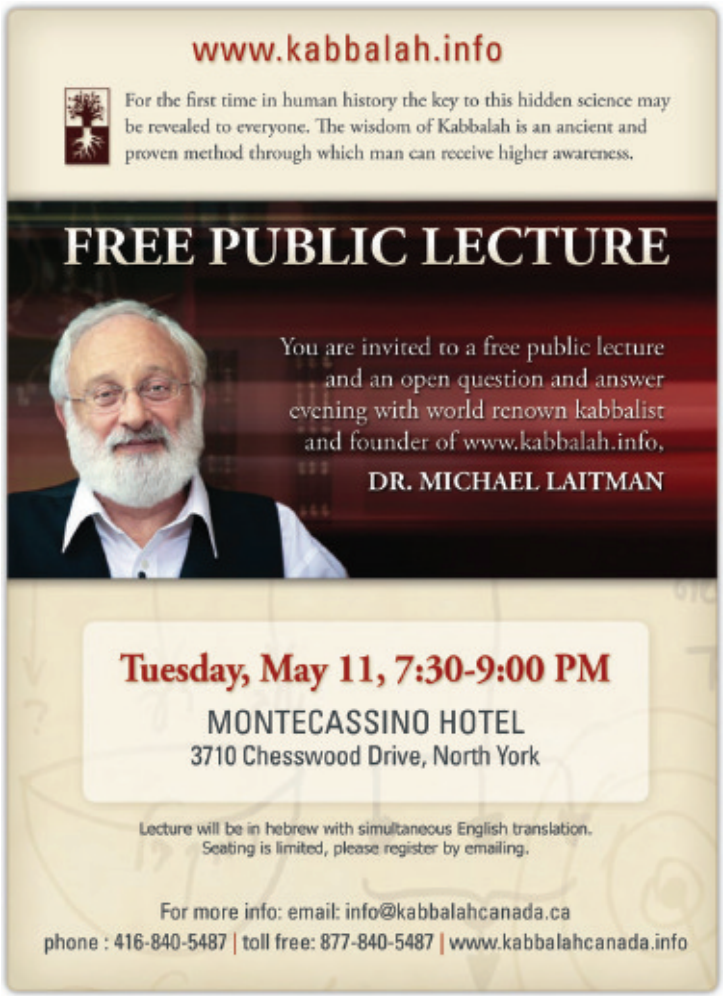

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What causes hereditary hair loss?

Each hair grows from a pocket in the skin called the hair follicle. During its growing phase, the follicle has a bulb-shaped bottom, the center of which is called the dermal papilla. The papilla is fed by very small blood vessels, which bring it food & oxygen and remove wastes. The papilla is highly sensitive to hormones and chemicals secreted by the body *(or ingested as a medicine)* which impacts hair growth.

It is believed that some individuals have a genetic predisposition to a receding hairline *(most common in men)* or hair/follicle thinning over larger areas of scalp *(more common in women)*. These conditions result from hormonal changes caused by an enzyme in the dermal papilla called 5-alpha-reductase. This enzyme breaks down the hormone testosterone into dihydrotestosterone *(DHT)*.

Over a period of time, an over abundance of DHT causes the hair follicle to degrade and shortens the active phase of the hair, eventually leading to thinner hair and eventual hair loss.

How does BIO-FEN PLUS™ *work?*

Specific compounds within the herbal extracts inhibit the 5-alpha-reductase *(and therefore reduce DHT)* to prevent or slow down the rate of hair loss. This process is the principle by which the prescription drugs such as Propecia *(finasteride)* work. However, BIO-FEN PLUS™ also contains additional compounds which remove excess cholesterol and testosterone – the building blocks of DHT.

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How long must I use BIO-FEN PLUS™ *?*

BIO-FEN PLUS™ capsules are usually effective at stopping hair loss within the first two months. However, since healthy hair grows only about 1 cm each month, it may take up to three months before you notice that hair growth is increased or further hair loss is stopped.

Anyone experiencing new growth will see it within four to six months. Once results become apparent, some users are able to reduce their BIO-FEN PLUS™ supplement dose to one capsule every second or every third day. Some clients will continue to take BIO-FEN PLUS™ daily. Once you stop completely, however, your hair growth pattern will slowly go back to the point where you started.

How safe is BIO-FEN PLUS™ *?*

The ingredient combination in BIO-FEN PLUS™ is generally safe for most adults. However, the following cautions are advised:

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What is the quality of BIO-FEN PLUS™ *?*

BIO-FEN PLUS™ is manufactured in Canada according to a quality assurance program called Good Manufacturing Practices *(GMP)*. This ensures that the ingredients are tested for their level of quality, potency & purity, prior to production and again prior to sale.

See our website to locate your nearest Health Food Store or Pharmacy that offers BIO-FEN PLUS™ and other quality products from Hair Grow Technology. If you have any questions or comments about our products that target hair loss and support the growth of strong, healthy hair, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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D-calcium pantothenate *(Vitamin B5)*	10.40 mg
Niacinamide *(Vitamin B3)*	10.25 mg
Pyridoxine HCl *(Vitamin B6)*	2.00 mg
Riboflavin *(Vitamin B2)*	1.58 mg
Folic acid	0.095 mg
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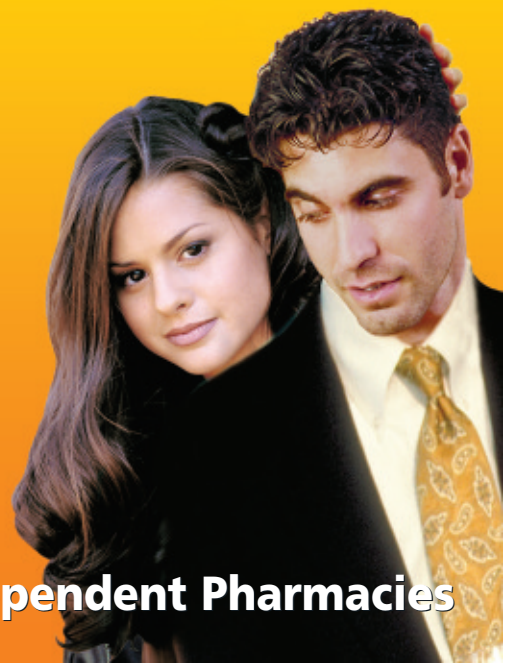

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Mother's Day GIFT GUIDE

SPECIAL FEATURES EDITOR: SARAH.CAIRNS@METRONEWS.CA

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Visit: oldnavy.com
This metallic Bauble Sandal is available at Old Navy for $26.50.

#4 Wrap her in style
Visit: oldnavy.com
Butterflies lend a touch of spring to this colourful scarf, $14.50

#5 Time to spoil mom
Visit: lush.com
The Mum Hatbox is full of seven indulgent bath and body treats, $49.95.

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This colourful Broomstick Dress is available for $34.50 at Old Navy.

#7 Tender tootsies
Visit:dearfoams.com
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#8 Sweet scent
Visit: thebay.com
This Laura Ashley ginger and lime candle is made with essential oils, $14.99.

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#2 For shutter-bugs

Visit: olympuscanada.com
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3 long distance gift ideas

She's your number one cheerleader for life, though you don't know why, since you don't always give her a spot on your priority list.

This Mother's Day, show your mother how much her support has meant to you — even if you can't physically be there with her. Here are three gift suggestions:

Send flowers

Find out what your mom's favourite flowers are and send her a bouquet. Be sure to follow-up with a phone call to your mom so she knows how much you care.

Donate in your mom's name

Your mother is one of the most generous people you know and is passionate about helping others. Show that you have learned from her generosity by giving a gift in her name to an international children's charity like Christian Children's Fund of Canada, ccfcanada.ca. You will have the option of either sending an e-card or mailing a card to your mother.

Gift baskets

A variety of gift basket delivery options are available through the Internet. If your mom is on a health kick, send her a fruit basket. If she loves coffee, send her a basket of gourmet coffee beans and a fancy tumbler. If she is a multi-tasking businesswoman, get her an at-home spa basket with slippers and relaxing bath oils.

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The gift mom needs most: Time

KATHY BUCKWORTH
for Metro Canada

Time management gets a lot of focus in the work world, but it's at home where most moms feel the time pinch.

Luckily, the basic strategies for being organized and efficient that are effective in the workplace can be translated to the home front.

Making lists, scheduling "to do's," setting goals, and most importantly, delegation can help to make a smart use of time … and even find some free time.

This Mother's Day, family members can help mom find the gift of free time by taking on some of her time heavy chores. Some great beyond breakfast-in-bed gift ideas to find time, for mom:

• Many of the chores moms feel they are constantly running behind on include house cleaning, grocery shopping and sorting through all the detritus households accumulate.

Investigate getting a house cleaning service, signing up for online grocery shopping, or hiring a professional organizer to get that closet or home office in ship shape.

• Save mom a trip to the bookstore, but let her read all the latest books with the new Kobo e-reader (chapters.indigo.ca).

Mom can download books to read while waiting at the doctor's office, the ballet lesson, the hockey arena, or even have a "bookfest" in bed.

Mother's Day is Sunday May 9

• No one likes, or has the time, to iron and women's clothes in particular are expensive to dry clean.

There are now fabrics on the marketplace that don't require ironing, but always look fabulous. Check out Mark's (marks.com) for their Perfectly Pressed No Wrinkle Tops.

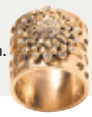
• Not all gifts of time have to cost money.

Kids can prepare a coupon book, which includes redeemable passes for laundry, clearing the table, vacuuming, bringing mom a book or her Kobo and a glass of wine, walking to the grocery store for milk, or even babysitting younger siblings (for free!) while mom gets to nap on a Sunday afternoon.

Start with this Sunday, Mother's Day. It's time.

3 gifts with sparkle

1 Mensa Metal Band ring, $35 at Banana Republic stores across Canada.



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3 Crystal studded wristlet, $525 at Swarovski Gallery stores.

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Skin Savers

Upper Canada Fruit Frappé Dry Oil in Pear with Mangosteen (shown), fruity-fragrant and made without mineral oil; $13 via uppercanadasoap.com.

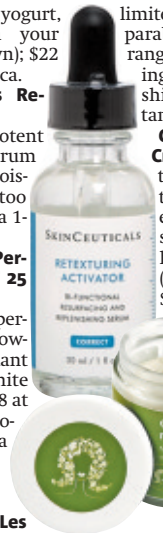
Steam Cream, collectible tins of a soft, steamed blend of mostly natural ingredients including almond and jojoba oils (shown); $19 at Murale.

Happy Face

The Soap Girl natural face masque powder with lactic acid — mix with water, milk or yogurt, depending on your skin type (shown); $22 via thesoapgirl.ca.

Skinceuticals Retexturizing Activator, a potent smoothing serum that boosts moisture levels, too (shown); $80 via 1-877-238-8754.

Origins A Perfect World SPF 25 Age-Defense moisturizer supercharged with powerfully antioxidant Silver Tip White Tea (shown); $48 at select The Bay locations and via origins.com.



Eye Lights

Chantecaille Les Dauphins limited-edition palette of eyeshadows (and a blush), which earmarks five per cent of sales for dolphin protection (shown); $95 at Holt Renfrew.

Cheek Thrills

Mary Kay Cheek Glaze in Pomegranate, a beauty hit with omega-rich soybean and watermelon seed oils, for a perfect, natural glow on all skintones (shown); $20 via marykay.ca.

Giorgio Armani Blushing Fabric Second Skin Blush, sheer tints with a velvet finish; $45, at Holt Renfrew

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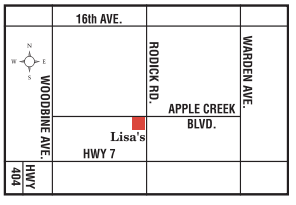

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Style

Freestyle fashion

From the heiresses in the 1890s to the screen sirens of the 1940s - and, really, into the 21st century - it was American style icons who helped move fashion forward with new standards of beauty, sexuality, power and art, even if many of the best couturiers lived and worked across the Atlantic. The Metropolitan Museum's Costume Institute celebrates this influence in its new exhibit American Woman: Fashioning a National Identity. Pictured left: Evening gowns part of the "Screen Siren" collection. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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All stacked up

The low-down on how to layer jewelry

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Canada

When it comes to the latest jewelry trend — layering and stacking — there's a fine line between looking fashionable and looking, well, junky. Here's the low-down on how to layer your jewelry like a pro.

According to Banana Republic spokesperson and trend expert Tara Wickwire, the key to pulling off the layered look is to focus on one area. "Either focus on your wrists, your neck, or your hands," she advises. "Don't do it all at once."

Another important rule is to keep your metals in the same metal family, so mix silvers and pewters or mix golds, but avoid mixing the two.

Thomas Sabo pink watch with leather strap, $898 (thomassabo.com)

Right: Greek Isle Stretch bracelet (with green stones), $73. Below: Overlay stretch bracelet, $42. Both available at liasophia.ca

And, finally, if you're sensing that you're overdoing it, Wickwire says to start over from scratch. If you're not comfortable with what you're wearing, other people will notice and that's never a good look.

NECKLACES

When it comes to necklaces, Wickwire recommends experimenting with different lengths and sizes. "When you mix lengths, it looks layered but big pieces aren't competing with each other," she says.

Start with a statement piece such as a thick graphic necklace with big stones or baubles, then add complementary pieces such as a few simple gold or silver chains in varying lengths. "You can almost make them all looks like one piece when you put a few together," adds Wickwire.

Paloma's Sugar Stacks ring (ranging from $1,500 to $2,250 each), Tiffany & Co

BRACELETS, CUFFS AND WATCHES

With bracelets, think about really adding variety to the mix. "Try mixing bangles with a chain bracelet, a small cuff and a leather piece or two," says Wickwire. "And have some fun layering your bracelets with your watch."

With larger cuffs, Wickwire believes it's best to keep it simple and not layer them with other bracelets. "It can otherwise become a bit distracting," she says. But, you could take a queue from the late fashion icon Diana Vreeland and wear chunky matching cuffs on each wrist.

RINGS

"There's a number of finer small bands, bands with small stones in them, and those are definitely the ones you can have fun layering," explains Wickwire. However, keep this rule in mind: stick to layering rings on one finger.

Wearing multiple rings on multiple fingers definitely starts looking overdone and verging on cluttered.

Experiment with different coloured stones and varying bandwidths for added interest. When it comes to a more substantial ring, like a cocktail ring, Wickwire says it's best to wear just that one.

Add a punch of colour to your jewelry layering with the new Swatch Color Code watch collection. The watches are $55 each at Swatch Boutiques and retailers across Canada.

Multi-strand necklace, $95, Banana Republic

Left: Fabric wrapped bracelets by Expression, $30 each, The Bay

Playboy-inspired lingerie

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Playboy Clubs and Playboy Bunnies. To celebrate the occasion, a limited-edition Bunny Inspired Lingerie Set that includes a corset, bow tie collar, cuffs, ears and tail is being sold at playboyclubstore.com. METRO NEWS SERVICE

Something to chew on

Teething babies can nibble on kid-friendly jewelry

A donut-shaped pendant hung on a nylon necklace by Smart Mom.

Every mother knows that teething children will stick just about anything in their mouths, so it's only fitting that moms came up with a stylish solution — for themselves and their tykes.

More and more mom-owned companies are creating child-friendly jewelry that babies can suck or teeth on safely.

"It's pretty cool," said Chandra Turner, executive editor of Parents magazine. "It's getting a lot of buzz on the mommy blogs. My son actually pulled my entire necklace off and all the little beads scurried along the floor. This is a nice alternative."

Amy Maurer of Silver Spring, Md., partnered with fellow mom Kendra LaDuca and created Smart Mom in 2002. It took them four years of product testing and development before they put their silicone pieces on the market.

"We did everything ourselves. We were two stay-at-moms looking for an idea," Maurer said. "We really wanted it to look like real gemstone. We didn't want it to look like you were wearing a teething ring around your neck."

The company has three key designs: a bracelet, a donut-shaped pendant hung on a nylon necklace and a heart-shaped key chain. They come in colours ranging from amethyst to candy apple red and range from about $12 to $20 each.

Carly, a nine-month-old chews on an Oh Plah! cuff bracelet.

"It's been really fun because we realized we could do almost anything in this material," Maurer said. "We just figured out we could put scents in there, berry, pineapple and mango."

Becky Durham, co-owner of the jewelry company Sonny and Reed, said the beads on her company's chewable jewelry is made with extra nubs for teething. They're enlarged to make sure they're not a choking hazard.

The necklaces are made of both FDA-approved acrylic and colours. They come in black, blue and clear, slip on and include 15 beads. They cost US$29.50.

"We are just hoping to continue and add new styles and different ideas," Durham said.

Caryn Paradis, from Deep River, Conn., a mother of two young children, had already created a baby carrier and had a company called Roundhouse Design Collaborative when she and business partner Jen Pitman were in a library with their babies during flu season. They didn't have anything for them to teeth on and play with.

The two thought "wouldn't it be nice if we had something we could wear and just give them," Paradis said.

Their brand, Oh Plah!, was launched with a cuff bracelet made of medical grade, antimicrobial thermal plastic. It comes in six colours, from deep purple to green, and is priced at US$19.99. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Retailers

Retailers that carry "chewable" jewelry for moms:

- Sonny and Reed: sonnyandreed.com/catalogue
- Dr. Bloom's Chewable Jewelry: docbloom.com
- Smart Mom Jewelry: smartmomjewelry.com/
- Oh Plah!: ohplah.com

All hands, and stylish feet, on deck

Women might be landlocked with their chunky wooden clogs this season, but men are setting sail with boat shoes.

The preppy, nautical-inspired shoes — also known as deck shoes because, well, you can wear them on the deck of your boat — are the big footwear trend for men.

"You know a trend is hot when you see it from low to high," says Shannon Stewart, sportswear merchandise manager at Harry Rosen.

You can find this casual shoe being pitched, in canvas, by H&M to young trendy types likely to sport them on boards — skateboards, that is. And Harry Rosen's luxurious leather versions are aimed at Bay Street bulls who will wear them onboard — a yacht, that is.

"It's not frequently that you see a trend that so many different kinds of people can wear," says Stewart.

And that's probably why there are so many different incarnations of the boat shoe today. In the '80s they were mostly brown leather, but today they rock the boat in a rainbow of colours, though most still have that signature white sole.

They are a great alternative to sandals and yes, you can wear them to the office — if your office attire consists of smart casuals like chinos or seersucker blazers.

But they don't jibe with suits. Unless it's a white captain's uniform.

And as with women and their clogs — don't wear them with socks.

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Blue canvas, $29.95. H&M.

Cotton canvas, $39.99, Spring Shoes.

Leather deck shoes by Cole Haan, $190, at Harry Rosen.

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FLORAL DRESS

Festive blooms blossom

ADVICE The print should be the main focus, so avoid piling on jewellery. A darker base colour will ground the pattern and create a slimming effect. If you're a fashion-forward type, go for oversized florals.

HOW TO WEAR IT Try a BF jacket, in neutral black or white, as a topper on those chilly summer nights. The tailored lines will balance the feminine look.

PETITE

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Dempsey signs on for Tranformers
Patrick Dempsey is handing in his scalpel for some heavier machinery. The Grey's Anatomy star, 44, told Brazilian reporters he has joined the cast of Transformers 3, according to website BOL Noticias. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

Cause of death
Corey Haim died of pneumonia, not drug abuse, according to an autopsy report released by the Los Angeles Coroner's office.
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Broken Record a work of art

Broken Social Scene

Album: Forgiveness Rock Record
Label: Arts & Crafts
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕½

CANADA'S INDIE BRAIN trust returns with its everything-plus-the-kitchen-sink approach to alternative rock. Last time 'round (it was 2005), the extended musical family brought together by Broken Social Scene chief instigators Kevin Drew and Brendan Canning often sounded like siblings bickering across the Thanksgiving dinner table. At times, it was little more than frayed cacophony. All is forgiven, however, at Forgiveness Rock. The indulgent excesses remain — why use nine musicians when there's 22 available, or one synthesizer when there's four in the studio, or just Feist when you can have Emily Haines and Amy Millan, too? Nonetheless, the 14 tracks here are carefully sculpted aural pleasures. Collectively, they're as close to a Canrock masterpiece as you can get. This is a record that deserves study, the sort that university courses are built around. Then maybe we can get answers to questions like ... what's that car alarm doing in the background of World Sick?

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The New Pornographers

Album: Together
Label: Last Gang
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

INDIE KIDS WOKE up this week to find themselves smiled on by the rock gods. New releases from both Broken Social Scene and The New Pornographers in the same week? While BSS is a contender for "masterpiece" distinction, the NPs fall just short. The power chords and bits of Beatlesque psychedelia are in all the right places while Neko Case sings with girlish charm and A.C. Newman injects his twisted sense of mirth throughout. And perhaps this is the problem. There's just a few too many nods and winks going on here, almost as if they're afraid of taking themselves too seriously. But maybe that's the whole point? Why else would you write a song called Valkyrie in the Roller Disco?

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Broken Social Scene's Forgiveness Rock Record deserves the sort of study that university courses are built around.

Justin Rutledge

Album: The Early Windows
Label: Six Shooter/Warner
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

IF YOU WANT anyone to have a co-write on a record, it's probably Booker Prize winning author Michael Ondaatje. Toronto's Justin Rutledge lucked out when the author approached him to collaborate, but while he provided some lyrical depth, it's Rutledge who makes this record shine. As usual, the singer-songwriter's rootsy tunes are filled with passion and precision — opener Jack of Diamonds is a warm country track, while he turns up the heat a bit on the driving The Heart of A River.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The Hold Steady

Album: Heaven is Whenever
Label: Vagrant/Universal
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

THE HOLD STEADY have been making bar band-approved rock 'n' roll for six years, and while all their discs have received rave reviews, it's this fifth one that's their pièce de résistance. The album isn't much of a departure from the band's Weakerthans-meets-Tragically Hip rock, but the songs are crisper and more laid back. Opener The Sweet Part of the City's epic slide guitars are contrasted by Craig Finn's subdued vocals and the back and forth between passionate instrumentation and relaxed songwriting continues from there.

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Court Yard Hounds

Album: Court Yard Hounds
Label: Columbia/Sony
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

COURT YARD HOUNDS is the Dixie Chicks, minus bold Bush-hating frontgrrrrrl Natalie Maines who is taking time off to be a mom and heal some redneck inflicted wounds. Remaining Chicks — sisters Emily Robison and Martie Maguire — are remarkably talented songwriters and musicians. They also harmonize as only sisters can. They've created a quality country album that leans both to the traditional and the contemporary (as all good Dixie Chicks CDs do). Yet, it's not quite what we've come to expect from the Chicks. Maines provides an attitudinal punch missing here. Give it a couple of years and she'll be back.

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Deftones

Album: Diamond Eyes
Label: Reprise/Warner
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

THE LAST FOUR years haven't been kind to the Deftones. The alt-metal act's bassist was severely injured in a car accident and their future was in doubt. They had to scrap a nearly completed record, but they didn't throw in the towel, recording a new batch of tunes with Quicksand's Sergio Vega. The disc is loaded with the band's familiar crunchy riffs and wails. But it's also a dreamy, atmospheric effort that leaves out the expected woe is me lyrics.

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First Eclipse at L.A. fest
Mark June 24 in your calendars, Twilight fans: That day marks The Twilight Saga: Eclipse's world premiere at the Los Angeles Film Festival, according to The Hollywood Reporter. Of course, it's an invitation-only event. EW.COM

Robert Downey Jr. reprises his superhero role in Iron Man 2. Apart from midnight screenings throughout the GTA, AMC Yonge & Dundas will show the original Iron Man at 9 p.m. today followed by a 48-hour marathon of consecutive Iron Man 2 shows.

Iron Man missing in action

Iron **Man 2**

Director: Jon Favreau
Stars: Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕½

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Iron Man 2 opens not with a bang but with a whimper, as Mickey Rourke's Ivan Vanko — later to become villain Whiplash, weeps over his dying father in a cluttered Moscow apartment.

It's a big risk for an action tentpole, but one a filmmaker like Jon Favreau can make riding a wave of goodwill after the franchise's critically and commercially successful first chapter two years ago. Unfortunately, Favreau and company spend the next two hours squandering all that good will.

Not Rourke, though. As Whiplash, he's fantastic, a mostly silent supergenius with a revenge-obsessed one-track mind.

Iron Man 2 midnight screenings

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The problem is he isn't in the movie nearly enough. And his big showdown the film builds toward comes and goes far too quickly.

Another face that doesn't get nearly enough screen time is Iron Man himself. While Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) is the obvious heart of the story — and while more Downey screen time is rarely a bad thing — he's so rarely in the suit that the film's title feels like false advertising.

Also, the line between Robert Downey Jr. and Tony Stark is quickly disappearing. It doesn't help that his first two scenes in the film take place in front of an adoring audience, helpfully laughing at all his jokes so moviegoers know how charming he is.

But perhaps the film's primary problem is that it sidelines its main hero and villain, both Stark and Whiplash sequestered in their labs tinkering while supporting characters carry on without them. There's something very unexciting about watching men think real hard.

But among those supporting characters left to move the story without them, there are some enjoyable nods.

Sam Rockwell nearly steals the film from Downey as Stark's jealous competitor, while Scarlett Johansson proves a surprisingly good superhero as Black Widow.

Gwyneth Paltrow, on the other hand, has little to do besides look exasperated at Stark's erratic behaviour, and Don Cheadle looks more than a little embarrassed about taking over for Terrence Howard.

It's all set to an abrasive and aggressive soundtrack full of AC/DC, the Clash, the Beastie Boys and others. The filmmakers seeming to be more interested in bragging about how much money they could spend on licensing fees than anything else.

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Sexy gone with Pamela's exit

Buxom star Pamela Anderson was given the boot on Tuesday's Dancing With the Stars, and her fellow contestants are more than a little bummed. "The show's losing a lot of sexiness," NFL star Chad Ochocinco told E! News. POPEATER.COM

Carey backs Price Is Right spinoffs

TV SHOW Price Is Right host Drew Carey isn't playing around when it comes to keeping TV's longest-running game show current.

Carey has eagerly welcomed iPhone, Xbox, Wii and other adaptations of The Price Is Right — and wants to see more, such as a Facebook game set for a June debut.

"I love it. I don't think they're doing as much as they should be doing. Business-wise, you should take advantage of every media stream you can," he said, adding, "I want to be part of a gig that's doing new things and trying stuff."

Carey

Carey himself is a relatively recent addition: He joined the show in October 2007 after the retirement of Bob Barker, the CBS daytime show's host since its 1972 debut.

Although Carey has put his comedic stamp on Price and welcomes the high-tech extras, he says the show remains true to itself. Contestants still jockey to "come on down" to the stage and compete for prizes by guessing their retail value.

"I look at it as owning a house. Any homeowner can relate: You're never, ever done with your house," Carey said. "New rug, new bathroom tile, but it's still the same house. It's still the same game."

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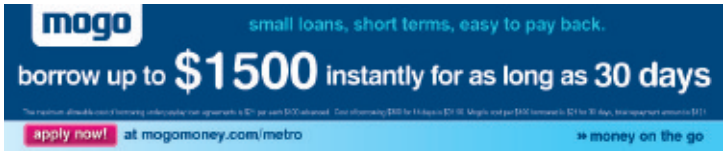

Lohan picked for porn legend role

Lindsay Lohan has landed the lead role in an independent movie about 1970s porn star Linda Lovelace, one of the film's producers said.

Lindsay Lohan, left, will play Linda Lovelace in the film Inferno.

The 24-year-old actress will play Lovelace, who shot to fame with the landmark 1972 porno movie Deep Throat, while Bill Pullman will portray Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner in the period drama, producer Wali Razaqi told the Los Angeles Times.

The film, called Inferno, will be based on the events of Lovelace's life and will delve into the "difficult stuff she went through and overcame," Razaqi said.

Razaqi said he and director Matthew Wilder are confidant the Mean Girls star will deliver.

"I would say it's probably one of the most challenging roles any actor could play — and not because of the sexual content, necessarily — but more because she was so battered and beat up emotionally, that I think it's gonna take everything Lindsay has to really be able to pull it off," he told the Times.

"Not that Lindsay's life is similar in any way — but she's been through a lot of ups and downs. A lot of times you're loved and then you're hated, and I think she can relate to those emotions and feelings."

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Producer Wali Razaqi

Razaqi added that an official announcement about the film's casting will be made at the upcoming Cannes Film Festival.

Lohan's agent Nick Styne and manager, Justin Grey Stone, could not immediately be reached for comment early Wednesday.

Lovelace, whose real name was Linda Susan Boreman, starred in several adult films before gaining stardom with the runaway hit Deep Throat, one of the first porn movies to reach into mainstream culture.

She later denounced her pornography career and became a spokeswoman for the anti-pornography movement.

In her autobiography Ordeal, Boreman revealed that she gave birth to a son out of wedlock when she was 20, and that her mother put him up for adoption.

Boreman died in 2002 following a car crash in Denver.

Pullman made his film debut in a supporting role in 1986's Ruthless People and later appeared in such films as Spaceballs, Independence Day and Scary Movie 4.

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Skip the undefeatable Fried Calamari ($4.95). Not only is it tough, it is supposed to come with "Sweet Sauce," which our server denies, then brings us a dark sauce that we can't identify.

My companion orders Curry Shrimp ($9.95), served with soup, salad, rice and dessert. Five darkly deep-fried, panko encrusted shrimp with sauce and sides might not be enough for some. The sauce, however, is dazzling. It builds, transforms and comforts. Wow.

Hmmm. My Bento Box Fuyu ($12.50) is suspiciously like Sushi Delight's Special Box a couple of doors over — choice of cod or beef ribs, tempura, gyoza, salad, rice, salmon sashimi and six piece California roll. No comparison to their neighbour's version — Sushi Delight wins out here.

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Bieber's fans tweet back

Justin Bieber had to calm his leagues of smitten followers yesterday after Kim Kardashian said she received death threats from the 16-year-old's adoring fans.

Bieber and the reality TV starlet had engaged in some lighthearted Twitter flirting after they were photographed together at the White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Bieber tweeted a photo of the two together and called Kardashian his girlfriend, and the 29-year-old gamely responded that she had "Bieber fever."

But Kardashian tweeted on Tuesday that she had felt the wrath of Bieber's jealous devotees.

"I'm getting death threats from your fans! This is unBeliebable!!!" she wrote.

Justin Bieber (left) and Kim Kardashian (right)

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The teen heartthrob politely asked his fans to back off yesterday morning. "Ladies calm down," he wrote. "(Kardashian) is a friend. A very sexy friend but a friend. No need 4 threats. Let's all be friends and hang out often ;)."

It's the second time of late that the mop-topped Stratford, Ont., crooner has had to take to his popular Twitter account — with nearly 2.3 million followers — to confront out-of-control fans.

Last week, Bieber wrote that his mother had been knocked down as a frenzied crowd mobbed the young singer as he arrived at a New Zealand airport.

"Finally got to New Zealand last night," he wrote. "The airport was crazy. Not happy that someone stole my hat and knocked down my mama. Come on people."

Earlier in the week, police cancelled a Bieber concert in Australia after surging crowds crushed some fans. The most serious injury was a fractured kneecap.

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While Seinfeld's show is being staged in collaboration with Just for Laughs, it is not part of the event, which winds up a few weeks before Seinfeld's Aug. 7 appearance.

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Idols' winners

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cable variety	602	567	27	W	Supernanny		Love It or List It "Ethier"		Confidential	Confidential	Divine Design	House-Sell	Love It-List It
	570	580	29	MM	Degrassi: TNG	Degrassi: TNG	Muchmusic Countdown			Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	UR11
	615	520	31	A&E	The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV) (N)		Fugitive Chronicles (N)		Fugitive Chron.
	700	800	35	TLN	Centrovetrine	Sky TG 24	1998 FIFA World Cup in France				George Lopez	George Lopez	Lopez Tonight
	571	581	36	MMM	The Daily Fix		Ranked!		mmtop10.ca		Bono and the Edge		Family Jewels
	575	583	38	CMT	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	According-Jim	According-Jim	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Unstable
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*The Last Trimester* (2006, Suspense) Chandra West.				NCIS "Lt. Jane Doe"		NCIS
	620	523	40	BVO	Storytellers	Snapshot	Innovators	Writers	*Manufactured Landscapes* ★★★ (2006, Documentary)				Law & Order
	601	562	41	SLC	Rich Bride Poor Bride		Bootcamp	Last 10	Last 10	Last 10	X-Weighted "Madison"		ET Canada
	522	506	43	HIS	Ice Road Truckers "Arctic Ice"		Ice Pilots NWT (HDTV)		Ax Men (HDTV)		Ancient Discoveries		Re-Inventors
	625	548	44	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Martin	Sarah	Daily Show
	600	564	46	H&G	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Holmes Inspection		House-Bryan	Real Renos	House Hunters	House Hunters	Holmes
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	Law & Order: SVU		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	*Phantoms*
	576	582	49	BET	106 & Park	Wright Zone	Tiny & Toya	Tiny & Toya	*State Property* ★ (2002, Crime Drama) Beanie Sigel.				Mo'Nique
	627	528	50	SPC	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Star Trek: Voyager		V "Hearts and Minds"		Lost "The Candidate" (N)		InnerSpace (N)
	581	566	52	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Movie Night	Nitro Circus	Ultimate Parkour Challenge		Ultimate Parkour Challenge (N)	
	618	524	54	TROP	Reality	What Happen?	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	'70s Show	King	Comeback
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Chuck-Day Off	HEAT, McEwan	At the Table	Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Bitchin
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		On the Buses	The Good Life	*Scar Tissue* (2002, Drama) Roberta Maxwell, Shawn Doyle.				Fatwas-Beauty
	621	527	63	STR	Look-A-Like	TMZ	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		The View (HDTV) (N)		The Dr. Oz Show (N)		TMZ
	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Night Garden	Waybuloo	Toopy & Binoo	Franklin	Babar	Little Bear	Toopy & Binoo	Max & Ruby
	526	507	249	VIVA	Cold Case (Part 1 of 2)		Missing		Medium "Four Dreams"		Cold Case (Part 1 of 2)		Psychic Inv.
	300	601	301	M1	*Prom Wars*	(7:20) *Numb* (2007, Comedy-Drama)			*Paper Heart* ★★ (2009, Drama)			(10:35) *Quantum of Solace*	
	305	612	306	PIX	(6:35) *Rio Bravo* ★★★ (1959, Western) John Wayne.				*Universal Soldier* (1992, Science Fiction)			(10:45) *Universal Soldier II*	
	520	146	-	DISC	Daily Planet (N)		Cosmic Collisions Meteors and asteroids.				MythBusters		Daily Planet
	637	-	-	TVLND	Red Green	Red Green	Fantasy Island		Hart to Hart		Andy Griffith	Phil Silvers	Bizarre
	605	-	-	FASH	Britain's Next Top Model		FashionTele	RAW	FT Found Footage		Britain's Next Top Model		Australia's

critics' corner

Paper Heart

Part documentary and part fictionalized romance, this film finds "Semi-Pro" and "Knocked Up" actress Charlyne Yi playing herself as she embarks on a literal and spiritual journey — taking her from New York to Paris — to discover the true meaning of love. Along the way, she meets up with actor Michael Cera ("Juno," "Superbad"), who was her real-life beau at the time this movie was made. 9 PM on M1

Numb

Movies about mental illness don't sound like much fun, and the title of this one sounds unpromising, but Matthew Perry's ("Friends") performance in the lead role makes it an interesting and entertaining watch. He plays a writer who develops a disorder called depersonalization, which causes the emotional numbness of the title. His quest for a cure is an emotional roller coaster all its own. Lynn Collins and Kevin Pollak also star. 7:20 PM on M1

Supersize me!
It seems Heidi Montag's 13 plastic surgeries weren't enough, after all — Spencer Pratt says his wife wants to enlarge her breasts again, the new issue of Life & Style reveals. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Sheen stepping down as dutiful daddy?

MAY AS WELL MAKE IT LEGAL Charlie Sheen has reportedly surrendered custody of his daughters, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Two and a Half Men actor signed a written agreement two weeks ago to give ex-wife Denise Richards full custody of six-year-old Sam and four-year-old Lola, to replace the shared arrangement they currently have.

Gossip website TMZ reports the actress wanted full legal custody due to her former spouse's current marital problems with wife Brooke Mueller, his struggle to stay sober and the criminal charges he is faced with following his arrest for allegedly attacking Brooke last Christmas Day.

Although Sheen willingly signed the documents, they have not been filed with the court yet.The agreement means Richards, 39, can now make medical, schooling and other important decisions regarding the children's welfare — including taking them out of the country — without Sheen's approval.

Sheen — who has 13-month-old twins Max and Bob with Mueller — is currently living away from his family but the couple recently stated they have no plans to divorce and want to save their marriage for the sake of Max and Bob.

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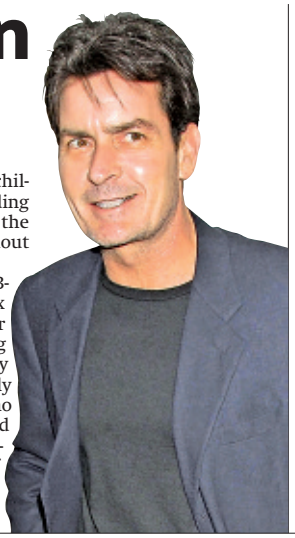

Here's one thing Ryan can commit to

TATTOOS — PAINFUL AND PERMANENT. OR YOU COULD JUST PUT HIS MOVIES ON REPEAT TO GET THE SAME EFFECT While he hasn't had the best luck in relationships, after his divorce from Reese Witherspoon and recent breakup with Abbie Cornish, Ryan Phillippe can at least find solace in tattoos.

"Tattoos are like a map to your life," the actor tells Inked magazine. "Permanence is bravery. So many things in our lives aren't permanent. Nothing lasts forever." METRO WORLD NEWS

Be excellent to each other

AND SO THEY WERE Charlize Theron has been spotted kissing Keanu Reeves, reports British website femalefirst.co.uk

The pair — who played lovers in 2001 movie Sweet November and also starred together in The Devil's Advocate — stunned onlookers with their intimate embrace as they left a Beverly Hills restaurant on Monday, before breaking apart when they realized they had been spotted.

A fellow diner at upscale eatery Bouchon revealed Theron, 34, and Reeves, 45, were enjoying each other's company and seemed in no hurry to end their date, tasting several red wines before selecting a bottle and indulging in several snacks before starting their meal.

"Keanu and Charlize were having a great time," the onlooker told website hollywoodlife.com.

"They were constantly laughing, almost disrupting other tables with how loud they were."

METRO WORLD NEWS

They grow up so fast

LET'S JUST HOPE NOT AS FAST AS BRITNEY The online reaction to Miley Cyrus's new video Can't Be Tamed, well, can't be tamed, people.com reports.

Within hours since the sexy new video — in which the singer gives off an edgier vibe with racy dance moves and bold outfits — debuted, fans and bloggers lit up the Web with comments ranging from "stunning, gorgeous, fierce" to "wow way too much for someone her age."

"It is a sexy video, you can't take that away from it," Cyrus, 17, told E!'s Ryan Seacrest.

But "it's not the premise … The video is not about being sexy or about who can wear less clothes. That's what every other video about. It's about explaining the song and living the lyrics."

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CelebTweets

JUSTIN BIEBER doesn't want people thinking he's stupid, **ELIZABETH BANKS** is getting superstitious, **AMY WINEHOUSE** has a warning for her London neighbours, and **JEREMY PIVEN** knows he's been acting odd.

@justinbieber because I thought this interviewer in NZ said "Jewman" instead of "German" people think I dont know what German is?

@ElizabethBanks Spilled salt at lunch and just accidentally walked under a ladder (while texting). If I see black cat, then I'll know I'm really in for it.

@amyjademermaid king and queen of camden town are coming home.

@jeremypiven Ok for the record if u see me walking in circles and mumbling I'm just preparing so have mercy.

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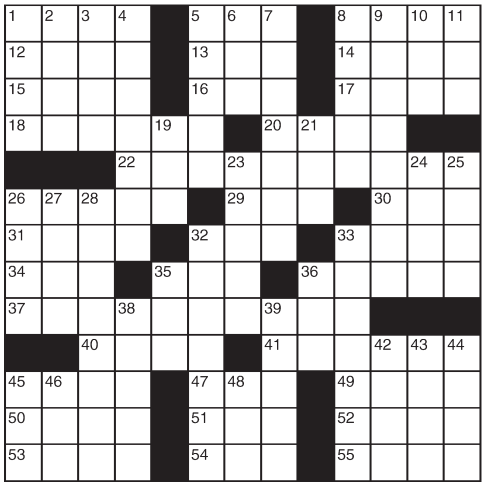

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

9		5				2		6
	1		3		2		9	
7			9		8			1
		7	2		3	8		
		9	6		1	4		
1			5		6			4
	7		1		4		6	
6		2				1		3

ACROSS

1 Pleased
5 Docs' org.
8 "That's a relief!"
12 Staffer
13 Restroom, for short
14 Emanation
15 Paper quantity
16 Monokini's lack
17 Despot
18 Department
20 Clock sound
22 Redundantly named money dispenser
26 Disposed (to)
29 Weep
30 Veto
31 Knocks
32 Sleepwear, briefly
33 Wrinkly citrus
34 Prior night
35 Twosome
36 Beginning
37 Redundantly named IDs for 22-Across
40 Profound
41 Meal
45 Reed instrument
47 Documentarian Burns
49 Always
50 Crucifix
51 "— Impossible"
52 Infamous lyre player
53 Prevents
54 Writer Hentoff
55 Salver

DOWN

1 Apparel
2 Stead
3 Hebrew month
4 Lowers in status
5 Book of photos
6 Scratch
7 Internet forum icons
8 Keep an eye on
9 Corn farmers' socials
10 Mound stat
11 Ares' realm
19 Chowed down
21 Unfriendly
23 Low-pay, low-skill work
24 Shade of green
25 Way out
26 Get ready, briefly
27 Sitarist Shankar
28 Freedom of access
32 Jack-o'-lantern
33 Left over, as money
35 About to arrive
36 Raw rock
38 Has to have
39 Dada artist Max
42 State with conviction
43 Antitoxins
44 Helen's home
45 Sphere
46 Feathery neckpiece
48 Greek vowel

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

3	7	8	4	5	6	2	9	1
5	4	9	2	3	1	8	7	6
1	6	2	9	7	8	3	5	4
4	1	5	8	6	3	7	2	9
8	3	7	1	9	2	6	4	5
2	9	6	7	4	5	1	3	8
6	2	4	3	8	9	5	1	7
9	5	1	6	2	7	4	8	3
7	8	3	5	1	4	9	6	2

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Pecan Crusted Red Snapper

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza
PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp olive oil, plus more for greasing pan
3/4 cup pecans, toasted
1 tsp rosemary, finely chopped
1/2 tsp kosher salt, plus more for vinaigrette
1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper, plus more for vinaigrette
1 tbsp dijon mustard
4 (5-6oz) skinless red snapper fillets

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a rimmed sheet pan with tin foil and lightly grease with olive oil. Set aside.
2. In a food processor, pulse nuts until ground. Transfer to a shallow bowl and toss with rosemary, salt and pepper and set aside.
3. In a small bowl, combine mustard and 1 tablespoon olive oil and stir until well blended. Place fish on a flat surface. Divide mustard mix evenly and spread over the top side of each fillet. Working with one fillet at a time, place fish, mustard-side down into the reserved pecan mixture and coat evenly. Transfer fillet to prepared pan, pecan side up, and continue with remaining fillets. Bake in oven until top is crispy and cooked through, about 8 to 10 minutes.

SERVES 4

- *Serve this recipe with Carrot Vinaigrette Salad and Sesame Roasted Potatoes with Cucumber Dip. Find the recipes at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.*

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Focus on your aims and ambitions today. You don't have to do anything specific but you must think deeply about what it is you hope to achieve.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You don't have to put other people's interests ahead of your own. You don't have to miss out on a good time just because friends are finding things tough.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
If certain things are going out of your life it can only be because you no longer need them. Other, better things will soon be along to fill the gap.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If a decision you made recently turned out to be wrong there is still time to put things right again, but you've got to be quick.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You seem to be thinking about faraway places and how nice it would be to see what is beyond the horizon. By why just think? Why not do it?

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Go out of your way to thank someone who did you a favor recently. Your act of appreciation will make a big impression.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You never met a shop window you did not like and the temptation to splurge is strong today. Go on a spree if you must but leave something in reserve.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
By all means help a friend or work colleague get something done today but don't do everything for them. Give them the push they need.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Today there is a danger you will do too much for loved ones and not enough for yourself. It's okay, even desirable, to be selfish occasionally.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will find it much easier to explain to partners and loved ones what it is that's been worrying you.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Others can criticize as much as they like but you must maintain an optimistic outlook. It's the positive people who make the world a better place.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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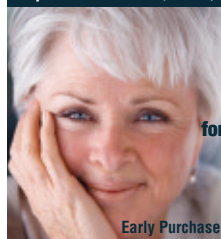

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